



# What's on your mind?

inspiration. active. spirit.  
pirates. unity. competitive.  
intense. involved. pnn.  
**merrillvue**. mirror. **2011**.

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## Friends

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During football season, Sophomore Anjelica Peppers wears the Pirate costume.

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*Tagged: On her way into school with her hands full, Sophomore Kenyatta Richards talks on her phone while holding a banana.*



Making connections. More than simple words. As advertisers urged consumers to “get connected” and to “stay connected,” Twitter, e-mail, cell phones and Facebook became central to our lives. Communication is, after all, the human connection. To make connections here, students increasingly turned to

social media, a place where the crowded hallways and long cafeteria lines were minimized and friends met new friends and bonded with old. New students entered school and looked to fit in; longtime friends parted. Part of high school will always be losing friends and gaining friends, never knowing what to expect for the year, joining a club, staying up all night to finish a project or breaking a long-standing sports record. To see where this year has taken our students, all you have to do is log in.

# Log in



# Friends

Megan Dicken practice was alrightttt...getting ready to hang with some of my favvv girls :)

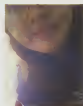
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## Albums



## Wall



Emily Rocha  
There are big ships  
There are small ships  
But the best ship of all is friendship.



Kourtney Jones  
"The difference between "like, love, and in love" is the same as the difference between "for now, for awhile, and forever..."



Vanessa Harwood  
-friends are like a tree. you have your leaves that blow away and never come back. you have branches that break off and are unstable and you have your roots that arent going anywhere and will be there forever. if only i knew who my roots are...



Danielle Cotillier  
Heart to Heart with the girls :) love these nights :D



Adrean Howard  
Freshman year has been a blast, new friends and new experiences!

PHOTOS AT LEFT: Junior Michael Dicken and Senior Robert Robinson dress in superhero costumes for one of the boys' basketball games. Pirate Crew members Junior Paul Carey, Seniors Robert Robinson, Derek Taylor Jr. and Jory Cunningham and Juniors Michael Dicken and Rodney Mitchell Jr. cheer at a basketball game during the holidays.





# Leading busy lives

During Winter Homecoming hosted by MPAC, Sophomore Joseph Traina and Freshman Adrianne Marquez enjoy refreshments in the Senior Citizen's Center.



This was the year for students to "turn over a new leaf" and plunge into the unknown. Some students were able to reach far beyond their goals and be recognized at the state level, while others were fortunate enough to be offered a four-year internship with NIPSCO.

The new Pirate Crew and Challenge Ed Day served to unify the student body through athletic and interscholastic activities. Students came to understand each other in a new way and were transformed by their experiences. This year, "the sky was the limit" because of the dedication and passion of the students.

Pacing each other in a long cross country run are Seniors Dylan Harrison and Jacob Caddick.



Four freshmen were chosen to participate in a mentoring program sponsored by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. Freshmen Valencia Smith, Yazmeen James, Precious Price and Brandi Smith will have the opportunity to participate in engineering, communications and operations activities as part of the partnership with NIPSCO and take college courses as high school students.



Putting the final touches on the Memory Garden, Seniors Alejandro Serrano, Nevena Djurdjevic and Charity Scollon plant perennials. The Memory Garden began to take root in 2005 when longtime secretary Carol Hogan died of cancer. The Class of 2011 finished the garden.



As a reward for winning a door decorating contest in Student Government's Go Green Competition, an elementary student has his face painted by Senior Shaquille Cauley. "It was very fun getting the kids involved in the environment and spending time with them for the day," Cauley said. The winners of the contest were treated to a field day at Pruzin Park.



As part of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Youth Forum, Senior Christopher Huley uses a clicker to record his vote. Participants said they valued diversity and requested programs that promoted better understanding of each other.



Students lock hands and, one by one, get in the middle of the "Human Knot," with the help of freshman mentor Senior Melanee Stubbs. Tangled in the middle is Freshman Audrianna Downs. "To work together as a team makes it easier to help each other get untangled," Downs said. The Human Knot is an activity used to teach good team work skills.



At Disney World this year, Disney Dreamer Alissa Bryant shows off the dress that she designed with the help of a fashion artist. "It was really fun watching the woman help me with my dress," said Bryant.



During the end-of-year celebration, Freshmen Vivi Tapia-Garcia and David Osorio get "tangled up" in a game of Twister.

# Class of 2014 Freshmen

Freddie Ruffin  
Maxwell Quattrin  
Kelsey Alborn

## Mutual Friends in Math



Jeremy Bilka



Sharlyne  
Buchanan



Jeff Eaton



Julie Fregien



Jason Kendera



Beth Gillespie



Joseph Hussey



Rachelle  
Massacavollo

## Mutual Friends in English



Jason Hostetler



Rina Molina



Sara Hurey



Elisha Israel



Joseph  
Monahan



Jason  
Sonnenberg



Alison Skertic



Kari Regan



Jimmy Aiken  
Brandon Akers  
Henry Akinbobuyi



William Akins III  
Alexa Alexander  
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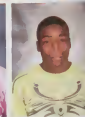
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Kenneth James Coleman Jr.  
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Alicia Deter  
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Diamond Eddie  
Emerald Eddie  
Brittany Edmond  
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Hollyann Enkine



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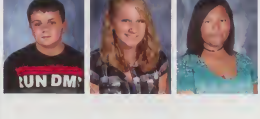
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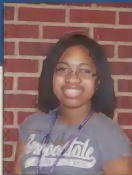
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Katelyn Heddeway

# MY MOST USED WORDS

## Status Update



Briana Mason

Used 78 times: Gil

Used 50 times: Bwad

Used 27 times: ight'

Used 19 times: Geesh'

Used 11 times: That's what's up

Used 5 times: Yeah

## Status Update



Trayvion Smith Jr.

Used 68 times: Nasty

Used 30 times: Match

Used 20 times: Shut up

Used 15 times: Don't trip

Used 10 times: You knew it

Used 5 times: Gil'

## Status Update



Nhu Doan

Used 48 times: Hey

Used 32 times: Awesome

Used 20 times: Cool

Used 14 times: What's up

Used 9 times: Umm

Used 5 times: Smile



## Mutual Friends in Science

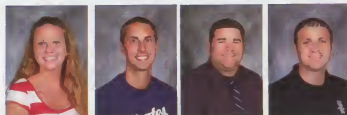


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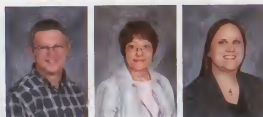
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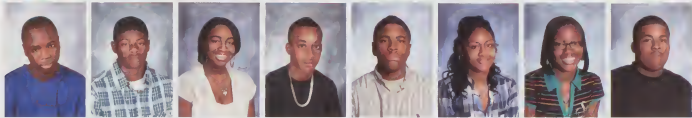
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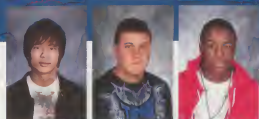
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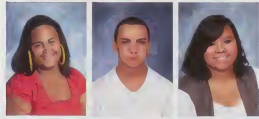
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Like

## Social Interview



"If you could choose between \$1 million and being able to fly, what would you choose?"

"Flying, because money can't buy everything, but flying no one can do."

—Freshman Edward Gryczewski

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Ask me a different question about Edward Gryczewski

## Friend of the Day



Britnye Cameron and Alissa Terry

What makes her such a good friend?

"She's a really nice friend to talk to. We're the same in everything we do."

— Alissa Terry

"Whenever I have a problem, she helps me though everything. She's always the one I talk to."

— Britnye Cameron

## Friend of the Day



Faiza Dika and Cree Smith

What makes her such a good friend?

"We're, like, super close. We do do everything together. We're like family."

— Faiza Dika

"I can talk to her about everything. She knows things that my family doesn't even know."

— Cree Smith

What is something that you do exclusively?

"We go to the mall, like, all the time. Not even to buy anything, just to hang out and walk around."

— Faiza Dika

"Sometimes, after we have talked on the phone for hours and we've hung up with each other, I'll call her, like, 2 minutes after because I miss her."

— Cree Smith

## Mutual Friends in Physical Education



Molly Crawn



Ben Daniel



Jeff Fairbairn



Kyle Prow



Aaron Crawn



Sean Hudson



Tricia Lukawski



Brian Zdych

## Mutual Friends in Technology



Steve Kerr



Mike Rogers



Jay Shoup



John Seale



Mary McVade



John Gaydula

## Mutual Friends in World Languages



David Maldonado



Esmeralda Palmerin



# Sophomores

## Class of 2013

Tyleranna Abernathy  
Emily A. Auerbach  
Almona A. Ayala  
Linda Adams-Jacobs

### Mutual Friends in Industrial Technology



Rick Gamer Steven Prather Rick Hurey



Jim Johnston Bob Mackovyak Dave Teeter

### Honesty Box



What is Jovan Nelson saying about Brooke Wilson?

"I love her as a friend. She's smart, funny and plays tennis."



What is Roman Salas saying about Edith Amitoelau?

"I love her. She is friendly, awesome and a great fist pumper. I just love her."



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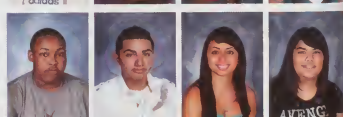
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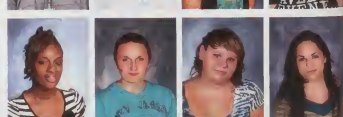
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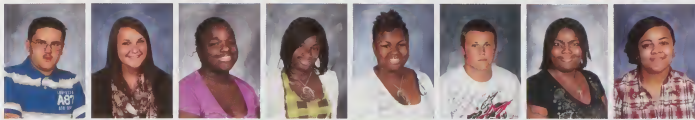
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 Jose Carbajal



Brienna Cerdona-Arroyo  
 Cole Carr  
 Alexander Castillo  
 Gabriel Carter  
 Jelissa Carter  
 Johnathan Carter  
 Tony Carter Jr.  
 Alineh Castleberry



Alexandra Castro  
 Shaniqua Ceuley  
 Michael Chabes  
 Anthony Chamberlain  
 Amber Clay  
 Tremell Cobb  
 Anenise Cole  
 Sarjis Coleman Jr.

Melissa Collins  
 Melissa Collins  
 Anthony Cummings  
 LaPhonise Cooke  
 Amanda Cooks  
 Lee Cooper  
 Brantley Cooper  
 Melvinio Corraliz



John Costakis  
 Melissa Costakis  
 Joseph Cramer  
 Brian Cox  
 Valence Cox  
 Demisha Crawford  
 Mikaela Cristoforo  
 Stephen Cummins



Amanda Curner  
 Dennis Dababde  
 Terrance DeBee  
 James Daniels  
 Eric Davis  
 Jaylyn Davis  
 Quanne Davis  
 Jade DeArmon



Eric DeLuna  
 Oymweli Delgado  
 Nicholas Delgado  
 Jordan Diaz  
 Jelena Djurdjevic  
 Tabitha Dotson  
 Tyler Dorsey  
 Michele Douglass



Denon Dubois-Stinnett  
 Jonah Ducrest  
 Darius Dukles  
 Kyle Durham  
 Aaron Dye  
 Eugene Dykes  
 Jared Earwin  
 Jaylen Ellis



Nicholas Englotter  
 Andrea Enriquez  
 Angelica Erskine  
 Clement Ervin  
 Kendall Ervin  
 Amber Falaschett  
 Adeyinka Fashewe  
 Casey Fejes



Jonathon Feliciano  
 Prince Felix  
 Summer Fields  
 Alan Fisher  
 Skyler Fisher  
 Edwin Fitzsimmons  
 Zachary Fies  
 Ane Flores



Chrsta Flores  
 Crystal Flores  
 Jessica Flores  
 Sarah Flores  
 Gabonika Floyd  
 DeAndre Frazier  
 Taylor Gaddy  
 Adam Garcia



Alan Garcia  
 James Garcia  
 Christian Gerza  
 Eric Galewood  
 Taylor Gibson  
 Nathaniel Gillem III  
 Brea Givens  
 Ashley Glenn







Alexis Gibson  
Jenny Vandyke  
Amanda Graham  
Amber Gunderson



Ashanti Gray  
Ashley Gray  
Sally andrea  
Tia Jones



Raymond Greenleaf  
DeMarlo Greer  
Anthony Griffin  
Cedric Griffin



Dezmond Griffin  
Allison Groni  
Zachary Gross  
Kaitlyn Grubbs



Jasmine Gruchmel  
Jorge Gutierrez  
Vanessa Guy  
Prescott Ha



Tom Hagan III  
Lauren Harding  
Emma Harper  
Jeylen Harris



Jordan Harris  
Marcus Harris  
Shannon Harris  
Tia Harris



Keith Harris Jr.  
Kenneth Harsme  
Kendyn Hartleone  
Courtney Harvey



Justin Harvey  
Laylah Harsme  
Anthony Harwood  
Joshua Haynes

## Tell a Friend Your First Impression

### Jordan Phillips

Choose a friend . . .

**Danielle Kemp**

When I first met you . . .

"She was loud and always laughing."

Jamie Krawczykowski

Choose a friend . . .

**Marti Kulakowski**

When I first met you . . .

"I did not like her because I thought she was stuck up and better than everyone else, but now we are like sisters."

Lauren Lamb

Choose a friend . . .

**Regan Rios**

When I first met you . . .

"I always wondered why she was always at my birthday parties when we never hung out, but now we hang out every day."

Joselyn Rivera

Choose a friend . . .

**Hannah Lane**

When I first met you . . .

"When I first saw her she was dressed up as a mouse and I thought she was crazy, but now she's like sister to me."

Danielle Cottillier

Choose a friend . . .

**Hannah Lane**

When I first met you . . .

"I thought she was a total ditz, clueless and a klutz."

Francesca Bricker

Choose a friend . . .

**Lauren Lamb**

When I first met you . . .

"I thought she was really tiny, and I was in love with her hair. She was loud and laughing all the time."

Choose an emotion



## Mutual Friends in Security



Nicole Kendrick

Daryl Bowie

Rose Pulliam



Tim Washington

Brian Hebert

David Byard



Brad Best

Jennifer Jenkins

## Mutual Friends in ENL



Dawn Czuba

Kathryn Gaines

Miguel Rodriguez  
Jovanna Hernandez Jr.  
Jovanna Hernandez  
Jovanna Hernandez

Ryan Hill  
Zachary Hill-Penson  
Donald Hinton  
Kevin Latham

Jaylen Hollifield  
Christopher Hollingsworth  
De'Jonah Hollins  
Eric Homeier

Brittani Hood  
Clarence Hossa  
Ricky Houston Jr.  
Letrell Hudson

Zhenique Hudson  
Pirana Hughey  
Alisha Ireland  
Kaitlyn Ison

Jessica Jackson  
Shedya Jackson  
Stephen Jackson  
Austin Jamerson

Khevi James  
Quinton Jamison  
Daniel Jenkuloski  
Mirande Jenuszewski

Alexandro Jera  
Quamon Jefferson  
Carlos Jenkins Jr.  
Aliente Johnson

Corey Johnson  
Denelle Johnson  
Demonte Johnson  
Donisha Johnson







Jameson Aron Johnson  
Jasmine Day Johnson  
Jamarion Lewis Johnson  
Jordan Johnson  
Jovanna Johnson  
Justin Johnson  
Karl Johnson  
Khiana Johnson



Kyanna Johnson  
Robert Johnson  
Jonathan Jorner  
Marcelous Jorner  
Caryn Jones  
Charmayne Jones  
Kada Jones  
Kourtney Jones



Quintin Jones  
TKeith Jones  
Joe Jones Jr.  
Kemel Kelly  
Danielle Kemp  
Milton Kiel  
Aaliyah King  
Ji Shwen King



Anthony King Jr.  
DeLuan Kirk  
Markus Kluga  
John Knight  
Jama Krawczykowski  
Mark Kulakowski  
Miguel Lagunas  
Lauren Lamb



Donan Lampton-Funches  
Anthony Lancaster  
Kris Lance  
Hannah Lane  
Carysle Larson  
Paige Lawman  
Terra Ley  
Armando Leal



Shalby Lee  
Trevs Lee  
Trevor Lechardt  
Marish Lewis  
Nyke Lewis  
James Lies  
Violet Lipscomb  
Weiliang Liu



Davonta Lloyd  
Otav Locke  
Arthon Logan  
Cleveland Lomax  
Mikelle Lomax  
Elizabeth Long  
Nicolas Lopez  
Sarah Love



Macki Love III  
McArthur Lyles  
Braun Maga  
Melina Mahome  
Blanca Maldonado  
Marish Malone  
Kethryn Manis  
Cheyenne Mann



Whitney Manual  
Tanshe Martin  
Tracin Martin  
Alexandra Martinez  
Jose Martinez  
Andraa Mettis  
Christopher McClain  
Thomas McFarland

Shelley Anderson  
 Jeremy H. Jones  
 Sydney H. Wright  
 Mariah McMillan  
 Emily McSwain  
 Leslee McSwain  
 Kiana Masina  
 J'maria Medwetz



Kyle Blackwell  
 Patricia Meza-Delatorre  
 Kendra Millard

Amelia Miller  
 Peschel Miller Jr.  
 Deprecia Mirra  
 Jalien Minor  
 Jessica Miralles



Dante Mister  
 Alex Mojca  
 Marissa Mongold  
 Daryan Morris  
 Andre Moton  
 Naim Muhammad  
 Brittany Mulligan  
 Alex Murga



Kelly Nangin  
 Guardalipe Navarro  
 Julian Neal  
 Ryan Nogreli  
 Jordan Nelson  
 Taylor Newencz  
 Amanda Nevitt  
 Paige Nichols



Elizabeth Nieves  
 Michael Norwood  
 Janay Olague  
 Jamal Oliver  
 Nicholas Oman  
 Natalia Orma  
 Breanna Outlar  
 O'Shea Owens



Jamerd Owens Jr.  
 George Pagamhalakias  
 Jacob Pardus  
 Sheridan Parker  
 Joshua Parker-Clark  
 Darrian Patton  
 DeAnthony Patton  
 Gershon Patton



Rebecca Paul  
 Christian Pearson  
 Mackenzie Pearson  
 Diamonds Peebles  
 Julian Pinea  
 Anjelica Poppers  
 Alejandro Perez  
 Luis Perez



William Perry  
 Tyler Person  
 Aimeyle Peterson  
 Alexa Peterson  
 Jennell Peterson  
 Tisney Peterson  
 Ashley Phillips  
 Jordan Phillips



Kara Phillips  
 Zachary Phillips  
 Taylor Pierce  
 Dakota Pitts  
 Xavier Pitts  
 Precious Plainer  
 Jordan Poe  
 Eleven Poe Jr.





Kristina Pich  
Dante Pich  
Janelle Pich  
Silviana Pich



Alexis Pich  
Ariel Powell  
Vanessa Powell  
Julia Pich



James Pullins  
Charles Pyatt  
Daymon Rainey  
Jamel-Abdul Rasheed



Jacob Raspopovich  
Jordan Reaves  
Jocelyn Rieco  
Khari Reed



Michael Reed  
Steven Reed  
Uniqua Reed  
Jharni Reed



Marcelle Reyes  
Micah Reynolds  
Kenyatta Richards  
Lacey Richards



Allayah Richardson  
Marshay Richmond  
Regan Rios  
Amber Ritchie



Joselyn Rivera  
Louis Robb  
James Roberts  
Jordan Robertson



Selena Robertson  
Briana Robinson  
Dominique Robinson  
Dymont Robinson

## Mutual Friends in Custodians



Nada Kolar

Christina  
Haverty

Mark Fairbairn

Patricia Eckert



Dragica Gajic

Robert Albers

Angie Knezevic

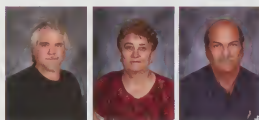
Nisa  
Milosavljevic



Cvetlana  
Stojceska

Vesna Mitic

Robert  
Fernando



Mark Robinson

Marica  
Sekuloska

Dean Stadt



Charles Stanford

Zoran  
Stefanovic

Joy Varela



## Mutual Friends in FACS



Shelley Ray

Pat Smith

Sara Stallings



Margaret  
Stallings

Carol Von  
Behren

## Mutual Friends in Daycare



Farida  
Contractor

Lynda  
Gronowski

## Mutual Friends in PNN



Brian Past

Josh Harvoth

Jessie H. Foster  
James Rogers  
Justine Rod (M)  
Eugenia Robinson

Erika Rasmie  
Buddy (Dad/Father)  
Kathleen Rodriguez  
Nathan Rodriguez

Eugene Rogers  
Marjorie Rogers  
Maxim Rolland  
Alexandra Romanow

Jenna Rose  
Julie Ross  
Lauren Ruffin  
Salvador Ruiz

Ankobia Ruth  
Keith Sadunai  
Roman Salas  
Avery Sameshima

Stephanie Samuels  
Kaitlin Sanchez  
Luis Alfonso Sanchez  
Sydney Sanchez

Jillian Sanderfur  
D'Anthony Sanders  
Breanna Saxinger  
Tyler Scheive

Ashley Schiller  
James Schilling  
Bernard Scott III  
Kevia Semmes

Kevin Semmes Jr.  
Helen Serrato  
Daniel Sewell  
Krishna Shah

## Social Interview



Would you ever date Sophomore James Medwetz?  
"No. He's cute, but he's not my type."  
Sophomore Zahra Arifee

Back

Publish to James Medwetz's Wall

Skip

Ask me a different question about James Medwetz.



Antwan Thomas  
Travis O'Neal  
Timothy Thomas  
Timothy Thomas Jr.  
Adam Sherwin  
Pavel Stoykov  
Michael Stappert  
Eric Steele Jr.

Adonis Smith  
Alyssa Smith  
Lashia Smith  
Cherodney Smith  
Denick Smith  
Isiah Smith  
La Sierra Smith  
Saleah Smith

Shanae Smith  
Taneisha Smith  
TiaQue na Smith  
William Smith  
Daphne Smith-Washington  
Matthew Sobczak  
Samantha Sorbello  
Marques Spencer

Rashad Standfield  
Taleira Starks  
Chryshana Steele  
Victor Stephens Jr.  
Leanna Stevenson  
Dale Stewart  
Amber Sturdivent  
Jacob Shyx

Christopher Sumchraist  
Alexander Swarc  
Jacob Swerc  
Zoran Talley  
Athenia Taylor  
Carlos Taylor  
Devin Taylor  
Lennyah Taylor

Marissa Taylor  
Don Taylor Jr.  
David Teamer  
Damen Teets  
Bruce Thomas  
Darreon Thomas  
Jeremiah Thomas  
Kelend Thomas

Lasheta Thomas  
Asha Thompson  
Antoinette Thurmond  
Shannon Thurson  
Raven Tobes  
Lauren Tillman  
Quinten Toler  
ShyOra Tolbert

Joseph Trainie  
Jeffery Travis  
Kayla Trueblood  
Donorick Tucker  
Jordan Turley  
Kennard Turner  
Kenya Turnipseed  
Kayla Tyson

Kathryn Van Nortwick  
Destiny VanVleet  
Diana Vargas  
Jessica Vasquez  
Devante Vaughn  
Treyon Vaux  
Tina Vesay

Patricia Vega  
Micaela Vogel  
Dionna Vonder  
Gerald Vonder Jr.  
Aureanna Villarreal  
Aurelia Villarreal  
Destiny Vison  
Miguel Vison



Andre Walker  
Dawnene Walker  
Darral White



Aleena Watson  
Ashley Ward  
Kendall Warfield  
Matthew Warren  
Dionne Washington



Kyle Washington  
Ronald Washington  
Brittany Watson  
Clarence Watson  
Valene Watson  
Jasmine Watts  
Jarrell Weatherby  
Dennis Weber II



Anton West Jr.  
Devin Westbrooks  
Bryan White  
Errol White Jr.  
Kevin Wikerson  
Alyan Williams  
Brendan Williams  
Daquan Williams



India J. Williams  
India K. Williams  
Jacquelyn Williams  
Justice Williams  
Lawren Williams  
Trevon Williams  
Roland Williams IV  
Jerren Williams



Gabriele Willford  
Brooke Wilson  
Don Wilson  
Isiah Wilson  
Jazmyyn Wilson  
Keri Wilson  
Khanque Wilson  
Santanika Wilson



Branton Wingate  
Lesley Winston  
Wesley Winston  
Davonna Witherspoon  
Dionne Witherspoon  
Joseph Witkowski  
Ashley Witt  
Alexandra Woodberry



Kevin Woodfork  
Sterling Woods  
Karlley Woodson  
Kelli Wright  
Treyon Wright  
Racine Wynn  
Destiny Yoder  
Kathleen Zuniga





## Mutual Friends in the Cafeteria



Mary Vernia

Rosa Angulo

Prezonnia Carroll

Williemetta  
Crawford

Teresa Harness

Sheila Broom

Themelina  
Kritikos

Angelica Nunn



Carrie Demoff

Cheryl Denney

Leilani Reiser

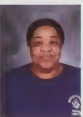
Juana Garza

Stacy Parkhurst

Penny Parmley

Kay Pikus

Pamela Roberts



Elima Lockett

Noura Mohamed

Kawana Noland

Karen Reder

Dorothy Yetsko

Terri Rothgeb

Ruthie Sumbry

Eileen Sweet

## Honesty Box



What is Anthony Lancaster saying  
about Joshua Leschinsky?

"He's a great friend, but he can be very  
mean to people sometimes. He is weird,  
loud and funny."



What is Jessica Vasquez saying  
about Miguel Lagunas?

"We've been friends since the first grade.  
He's always been there for me, and he's  
just been an overall great friend."



Anjelica Peppers

Why? What's up?



Petey the Pirate

Anjelica Peppers? Je!li!

The one who is a three-sport athlete, competing in cross  
country, basketball and track? The point guard on the JV  
team? The one who participated in the Gooly Games  
during Homecoming?

Yeah, I know her. Why? What's up?



Joseph Cowser

Why? What's up?



Petey the Pirate

Joseph Cowser? Joey? The one who plays quarterback  
and wide receiver on the JV football team? The one  
who plays in the outfield on the baseball team?

Yeah, I know him. Why? What's up?

# Juniors

## Class of 2012

Carlos Anron  
Daneshe Abel  
Darius A. Adams  
Ana Adams

### Mutual Friends in English



Erin Mulloy-Flores    Debra Monix    Pamela Schuetz



Carrie Bedwell    Connie Lewis    Lee Meyer



Alan Mizimakoski    Jean Stanford    Melissa Sickingner



Andrea Seeman    David Hossler    Teresa Procter



Patrice Weil    Christine Kibler-Wheeler    Rachel Sonnenberg



Ashley Ahiborn  
Dominic Alderson  
Alicia Allen  
Jamal Allen



Aaron Amiotte  
Dion' Dra Anderson  
Nichola Anderson  
Shaker Anderson



Davina Anthony  
Thomas Anthony IV  
Rachel Aratti  
Mansoor Arifee



April Ashe  
Jose Avalos  
Rico Ayala  
Nicholas Badali



Jacob Bahana  
April Bailey  
Chareea Bakar  
Rosalyn Bakar



Jeremy Baldwin  
Chardonney Balkcom  
Richard Balkcom  
Amanda Banawah



Tallyr Barker  
Zachary Barnack  
Sarah Barnard  
Myles Barnes IV







Travis Gaudin  
Brittany Simon  
Susanne Kuehnelt  
Abel Backels  
Arturo Boudella  
Austin Burnett  
Peter Gierlings  
Kourtesy Brim



Jade Bradley  
Lauren Blackwell  
Doreen Warden  
Rayshawn Bradshaw  
A-Vee Briner  
Aisha Briner  
Gabriel Britton  
Adam Brodie



Gregory Broussseau  
Aisha Jeneal Brown  
Aisha Lynn Brown  
Darral Brown  
Ericka Brown  
Nia Brown  
Bruce Brown Jr.  
Ariel Browning



Brie Brumfield  
Alisia Bryant  
Stephen Buckrop  
Lequisha Buford  
Jenette Burge  
Jennay Burden  
Jordan Burton  
Alyana Butler



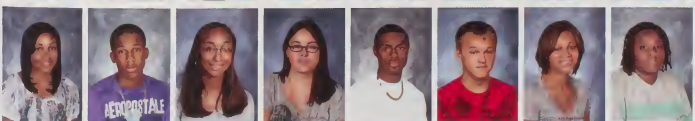
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Emmanuel Celvito  
Jeannette Cardenas  
Jordan Cerey



Paul Carey  
Lauren Cernialio  
LaQuana Carpenter  
Michael Carpenter  
Auriele Carson  
Taylor Carter  
Joshua Cervantaz  
Alonzo Charles



Ontario Childs Jr.  
Nekie Clark  
James Cleveland  
Jasmine Cleveland  
Khari Collier  
Keonnie Colbert  
Jeral Cole  
Kacey Cole



Dena Collins  
Jeremy Collins  
Shantahra Collins  
Telle Constant  
Rashawn Corwell  
Colin Cook  
Leah Cook  
Indye Cooke



Diamond Cooper  
Larry Cooper  
Leesh Cooper  
Melika Coops  
Alyssa Collier  
Paris Courtney  
Dylan Crene  
Tylan Crawford

Shavonia Crombie  
Jennifer Curren  
James Custer  
Anthony Galt  
Kellie Gault  
Dorcas Gault  
Penny Cossylin  
Destiny Dalton



Dorcas Daulton  
Christopher Davis



Dean Davis  
Desiree Davis  
Brianna DeCaussemaker  
Michael DeVany  
Sherron Dennis



Daniel Diaz  
Javae Diaz  
Megan Dicken  
Michael Dicken  
Melvin Dickinson Jr.  
Octavia Dillon-Wilson  
Ramona Dillon  
Anthony Disco



Alexandra Domoras  
Oshiana Doss  
Joseph Drapau  
Shaxaver Dryton  
Shawn Dwyer  
Holland Earl  
Leslie Easterling  
Bronna Eastland



Aleis Edwards  
Aries Edwards  
Melissa Eggleston  
Jasmine Ervin  
Dane Ezernack  
Jasmine Fields  
Gerardo Flores  
Jah Rome Fogle



Antonio Foley  
Jalen Foster  
Noah Foster  
Brianna Fotinos  
Kyari Frye  
Antonette Gailday  
Amanda Galvan  
Jade Galvan



Eliseo Gamino  
Abraham Garcia  
Antonio Garcia  
Crystal Garcia  
John Garretha  
Andrea Garza  
Shan Gaston  
Garrett Gault



Jacob Gibson  
Sean Gibson  
Jose Gonzalez  
Elbryn Goode  
Samantha Gordon  
Harsh Goyal  
Brittany Grady  
Earl Grady



Shavon Graham  
Kenyah Grant  
Kayla Greene  
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Edgar Guadarrama  
Samuel Gubitz



Morgan Green  
Erin Schmitt  
Robert Rodriguez



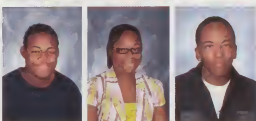
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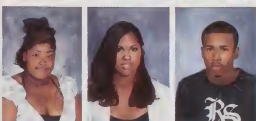
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Chastity Harris



Jason Harris  
Melody Harris  
Michael Harris



Mychal Harris  
Myeisha Harris  
Tasia Harris



Latonya Harrison  
Cymburiah Hayes  
Janelle Hemphill



Imari Henderson  
Victoria Henderson  
Shalondrea Henry



Isabel Hernandez  
Briana Hegre  
Loreal Hill

## Mutual Friends in Science



Luis Lopez Miles Dunscombe Michelle Barker Kristin Campbell



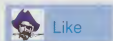
Melissa Valsi Mark McCullom Maryetta Petras



Dawnell Spriggs Sally Williamson Jeff Yellon



## What's your talent?



### Erik White

- What's your talent?
- I sing.
  - How long have you been singing?
  - I have been singing for 13 years.
  - When did you discover your talent?
  - I was six years old.
  - Do you like your talent?
  - Yes, I love it.
  - What do you like about your talent?
  - I get to express myself, and it's a lot of different styles.
  - How do you benefit from your talent?
  - The girls like it. It's a great hobby, confidence booster and, also, a career option.



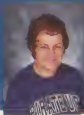
## Mutual Friends in Math



Michael Hoffman



Gail Nicolini



Debra Staffeld



Kira Healy



Nancy Draper



Alan Branda



Wade Boise



Deanne Pierce



Jennifer Leek



Sean Meagher



Joseph  
O'Connell



Kathy Rock



Charles  
Seligman

## Mutual Friends in Performing Arts



Mark Danielson



John Bradford

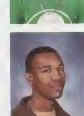
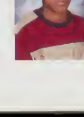
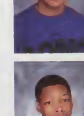
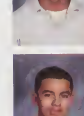
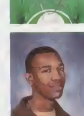
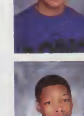
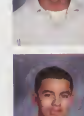
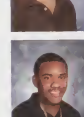
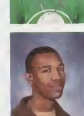
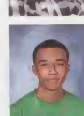
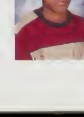
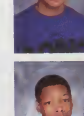
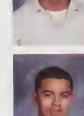
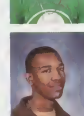
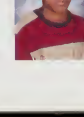
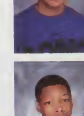
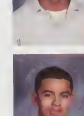
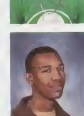
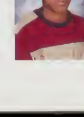
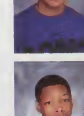
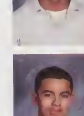
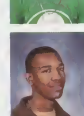
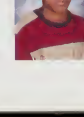
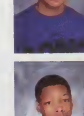
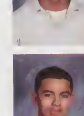
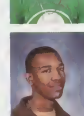
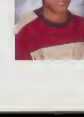
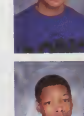
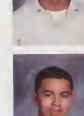
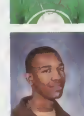
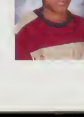
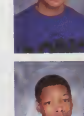
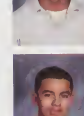
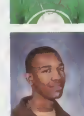
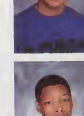
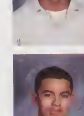
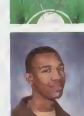
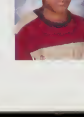
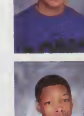
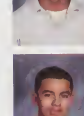
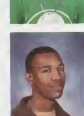
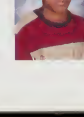
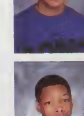
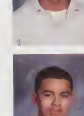
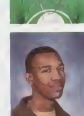
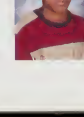
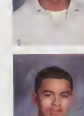
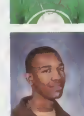
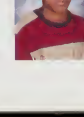
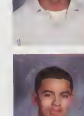
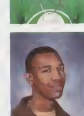
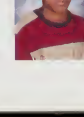
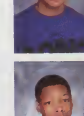
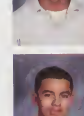
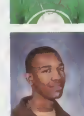
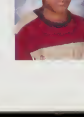
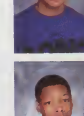
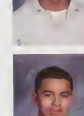
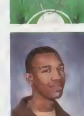
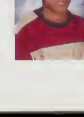
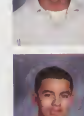
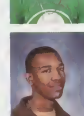
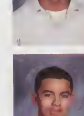
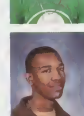
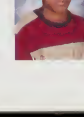
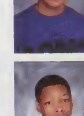
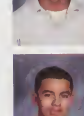
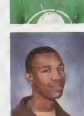
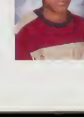
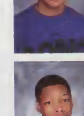
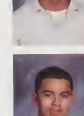
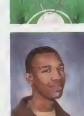
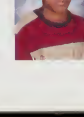
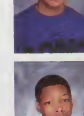
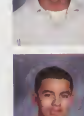
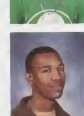
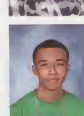
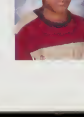
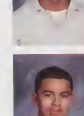
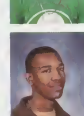
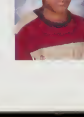
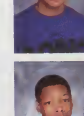
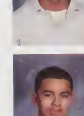
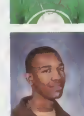
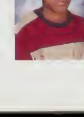
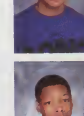
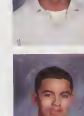
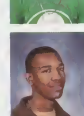
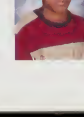
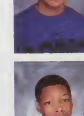
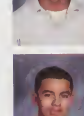
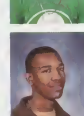
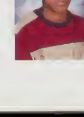
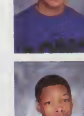
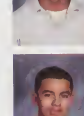
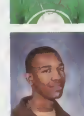
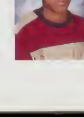
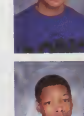
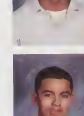
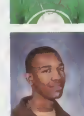
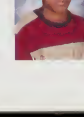
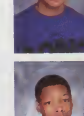
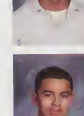
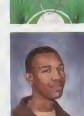
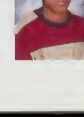
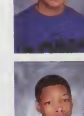
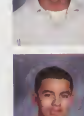
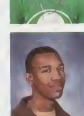
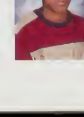
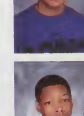
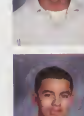
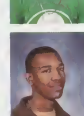


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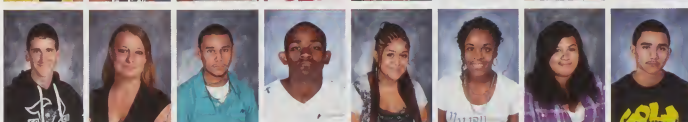
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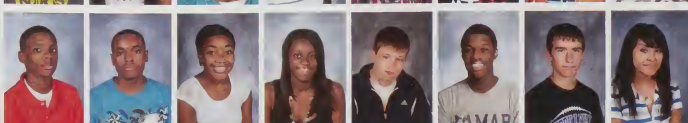
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 Amanda Nooyn  
 Travis Norman  
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 Robert Novoa  
 Alyssa Nytheyer



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 Graciela Ortiz  
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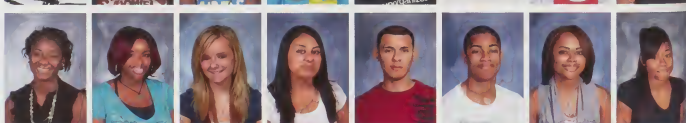
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 D'Andre Reed  
 Devon Reed  
 Jessica Reed  
 Samuel Reed





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Chazz Roberts  
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David Rodriguez  
Kindall Rollins



Alyse Ross  
Donte Royster  
Frank Ruiz



Tatiane Ruiz  
Brooklyn Russell  
Lugmenn Ruth



Reven Saavedre  
Nikko Sadural  
Yentse Saenz

## Mutual Friends in ROTC



Major Guy  
Ramey

SSgt. Dan  
Wrasman

## Mutual Friends in Physical Education



Amy Govert

Sue Hayes

## Honesty Box



Trent Turner is answering...

"What is your favorite memory?"

"Running in sectionals for track in 2010 in Crown Point. I was the only sophomore running."

"Who is your crush?"

"Gabrielle Ponce, since freshman year."

"Who is your favorite teacher?"

"Mr. Branda".

"What is your favorite lunch food?"

"Chicken patty."

"What is your favorite classroom?"

"Mr. Petralia's."



## Mutual Friends in Social Studies



Amber Baron Ashley Bulduk-Halpern Anthony Holer Michael Knocke



Diane Mandon Dan Moslander Robert Bedwell Christopher Richardson



Dan Schoon Mark Schellinger James Stamper Katie Russo

## Mutual Friends in World Languages



Mary Ann Bertram Irene Spiro Evelyn Steiner



Monica Decosta-Gomez Al Stoner Melissa Byerly

Amber Baron  
Ashley Bulduk-Halpern  
Michael Knocke



Stormie Schilling  
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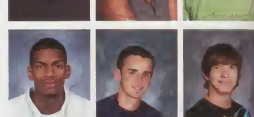
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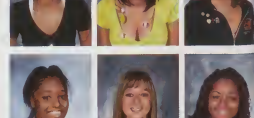
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Teannah Taylor  
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Jazmyne Thomas  
Kurtella Thomas  
Channon Thomas II  
Britanna Thomas



Lu Tonn Thompson  
Michael Thompson  
Joshua Thomann  
Daryl Tonnell  
Diamond Toney  
Regina Torres  
Alexis Traylor  
Cornell Tucker III



Anthony Turman  
Christopher Turner  
Justin Turner  
Mercedes Turner  
Roxen Turner  
Trent Turner  
Brittney Uptshaw  
Jonehan Velasquez



Brandon Vasic  
Joshua Von Buslow  
Brian Walker  
Briana Walker  
Chalon Walker  
Kenneth Walsh  
Morgan Walton  
Dana Warren



Jaeleah Washington  
Jasmine Washington  
Kayla Washington  
Kelliana Washington  
Brittany Watkins-Thigpen  
Bryon Watson  
Corey Weatherspoon  
Adrian Weaver



Erin Weiss  
Maurissa Wesley  
Ariana West  
De Quan West  
Michael Whelan  
Erik White  
Peria White  
Wayne Whitmer



Kent Whitt Jr.  
Ashley Whilogorski  
Lenzie Wilkins  
Allyiah Williams  
Andrew Williams  
Ashley Williams  
Boris Williams  
Bre Anna Williams

## Mutual Friends in Guidance



Michelle Sulich Grace DeWald Greg Geimer



Betty Jordan Veronica Maldonado



Cari Hooper Michelle Wilson

## Mutual Friends in Business



Christine Dixon Rae Lopez Sharon Row Jeff Trivette

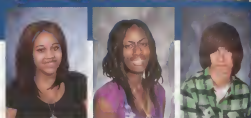
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Tina M. Grooms

Blainey J. Wilson  
Lillian J. Grooms  
Ryan Williams



Alva Wilson  
Danielle Winburn  
Shermika Winston



Brandi Wolak  
Floyd Woods  
Kourtney Woods



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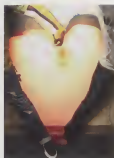
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Juniors



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#### Social Interview

Who do you think you would make "best couple" with?

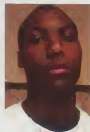
"My baby girl Gabby Ponce, because we are the perfect match."

— Junior Zachary Sandefur

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Ask me a different question about Gabriela Ponce

#### Cashmere Jones I must admit...



I'm scared of rats.

I am scared of them because they are creepy, little and their tails are long.

I was at my aunt's house, and I was walking to the bathroom, and I stepped on something. I looked down and saw it was a dead rat.

#### Profile Picture Analysis



David Hertl  
Cool: 73 percent  
Cute: 100 percent  
Smart: 40 percent

Rodney Mitchell Jr.

Cool: 65 percent  
Cute: 80 percent  
Smart: 46 percent



Alejandra Mata  
Cool: 36 percent  
Cute: 102 percent  
Smart: 60 percent

Brianne Baylor  
Cool: 85 percent  
Cute: 86 percent  
Smart: 40 percent





# Seniors



**Zachary Raspopovich** Just another day having fun with the guys. Even though it was cold we still had a good time.

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## Wall



Malorie Baker

Just finished this senior will. I wish I could write more than 500 words [;



Arlen Sims

Senior year is starting to get fun...



Charles Smith

I put my hoodie for Purdue on today and one number ran through my mind. 38 days



Rodrick May

High school is almost over next step is college.



Alyssa James

I miss seeing my swim fam everyday..  
I miss the pool..  
I even miss swimming in the pool  
):  
if only there was a rewind button..

PHOTOS AT LEFT: During Commencement, Senior Dereck Bailey receives his diploma. Seniors Kalie Domikaitis and Sara Dora hug. Senior Michael Barnett enjoys friends, knowing that this will be the last time all the seniors are together.





*Jonathan Abel*



*Christian Abrams*



*Taishe Abrams*



*Prandi Adams*



*Jenniayne Adams*



*Tierra Allen*  
CT 11,12;  
Drumline 11,12;  
Aide 9



*Michael Ambrose*  
CC 9



*Archibald Amitoelau*



*Caitlynn Anderson*  
CT 11,12; Concert Choir  
10; KC 10,11; SC 9-12;  
Stl. 9; STAND 12;  
VC 9; Vlns. 11;  
VT 12



*Anthony Angotti*



*Roy Arambula*  
KC 12



*Alyson Austin*  
SOSA 11; DC 9-12; DC Oic. 11,  
12; FP 12; FC 10-12; FC Oic.  
11,12; HGS 12; KS 11, 12; NHS  
11,12; News. 11,12; News. EC  
12; Aide 12; OS 11,12; Revue  
11,12; SP 11,12; SG 9,10;  
Thespians 10-12; Thespians  
Oic. 11,12



*Inecia Ayers*



*Eleny Babilonia*  
Diving 10; SG 12;  
MPAC 11,12;  
Tennis 9-12



*Derek Bailey*



*Floyd Bailey*



*Samantha Bailey*  
Band 9-12; NHS 11,12;  
NHS Oic. 12; TA 12;  
SP 9-10,12; YES 12



*Shaquille Bailey*



*Malocie Baker*



*Samantha Balash*  
DC 12; DC Oic. 12; FP  
12; K.B. 12; SP 11,12;  
Thespians 12



*Taylor Ball*



*Benjamin Banks*  
Aktion Club 12;  
SO 10-12



*Maria Barajas*



*Michael Barnett*  
CT 11; Concert Choir  
9,10; GACC 11,12; Aide  
10-12; PH 12;  
SC 9-11; VT 11;  
Yearbook 11



*Ariel Barnsdater*



*Laryssa Barvera*



*Antonio Botes*



*Sabrina Beach*



*Keshala Bessley*



*Gabrielle Bell*  
Band 10-12; Drumline  
11,12



*Ana Bellman*  
FCCLA 10-12; FCCLA  
Ofc. 12; KC 10,11; SG  
9,10;  
Tennis 9



*Evin Bielak*  
Cheerleading 9-12



*Bianca Blanchard*



*Nicole Blas*  
AC 12; NHS 11,12; PH  
12; TA 11,12



*Darven Blaylock*  
Baseball 9-12; CAD  
9-11; Diving 9-12;  
Swimming 11,12;  
MPAC 11,12



*Joseph Blockson*  
Band 9,10;  
Football 10-12;  
NHS 12



*Valerie Bly*  
Gymnastics 9-12;  
SADD 12; SM 12; Track  
9-12; MPAC 11,12



*Douglas Boskamp*



*Jacob Boyd*



*Fokelyn Brandsma*  
Soccer 12



*Rashonda Brooks*  
FCCLA 11,12; PM  
11,12; STAND 12;  
SADD 12; SG 9,10;  
TA 12; Track 10-12;  
Track Capt. 11,12



*Chambria Brown*  
Bskt. 9-11; SOSA 12;  
Track 11,12



*Heather Brown*  
Gymnastics 9,10;  
SG 10,11; SM 12



*Myecsha Brown*



*Ryan Brown*  
CAD 9-11



*Tyrene Brown*  
CG 12; CC 10; EC 12;  
KC 9; LS 11; SG 12; TA  
11,12; VC 11; VT 11;  
YES 10-12



*Osha Brownlee*  
C Ofc. 11; CG 9-12;  
STAND 12; SG 9-12;  
SG Ofc. 12; MT 12;  
TA 11; Track 9-12



*Clyde Byrd III*  
CC 12; NHS 11,12;  
TA 12; Track 11,12



*Jacob Caddick*  
Band 9-11; CC 10-12;  
NHS 11,12; Swimming  
9-12; Swimming Capt.  
11,12; Track 9-12;  
MPAC 10-12; TA 12



*A'Shanti Caldwell*



*Julius Cameron*



*Blair Campbell*



*Chelsea Campbell*  
Dance Team 9-11; PC  
12; Revue 9-10, 12; TA  
11; Track 12;  
Yearbook 11



*Maurice Campbell III*



*Daniella Carbajal*  
Aide 11; Soccer 9-12;  
Soccer Capt. 12; SADD  
10,12; SM 10,11; TC  
11; Track 9;  
MPAC 10-12



*Kevin Carnana*  
Band 9,10; CC 9-12;  
NHS 11,12 TA 11,12;  
Track 9-11



*Shaquille Canley*  
STAND 12; SG 12;  
Thespians Ofc. 9,10;  
Track 9,10



*Victor Chambliss*



*Kelli Chavez*  
Band 9-12; Drumline 9-  
12; FM -11,12; NHS 12;  
PH 11; SP 12; STAND  
10-12; STAND Ofc. 11;  
TA 10



*Bianca Clark*  
Autoshop 9; Bowling Team 9;  
Cheerleading 9,10; Cheerlead-  
ing Capt. 10; Class Ofc. 9; DO  
9,10; FOCLA 9-11; FC 9-11;  
MT 12; PNN MS 12; PNN FS  
10-12; SOT 12; STAND Ofc.  
12; Volleyball 9,11; Dance Team  
Captain 9,10



*Brandon Clark*



*Jasmine Clark*  
Track 10



*Russell Cole II*  
CT 10-12; Concert Choir  
9; DC 10-12; DC Ofc. 12;  
FP 11,12; Revue 11; SC  
9-12; SP 10-12; Thespi-  
ans 11,12; VT 10-12;  
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*Jervon Cooke*  
Bldg. Trades 11,12;  
CAD 10



*Hiuut*  
*Crawford-Taylor*  
Bowling Team 12; Class  
Ofc. 9-11; FM 11,12;  
PM 12; SG 9-12; TA 12;  
TC 10,11



*Messay*  
*Crawford-Taylor*  
News. 10; Soccer 9-12;  
Swimming 11,12;  
TC 9-12; YES 11,12



*Breshawna Crowder*



*Paul Crowley*  
FEA 11; Golf 11;  
Orchestra 9-12



*Anita Cuevas*  
Concert Choir 9;  
STAND 12



*John Cuevas*



*Jory Cunningham*



*Ariel Currie*





*KaKisha Daniel*  
Bskt. 9; FCCLA 12; FM  
12; GA 11; SDT 12;  
STAND 11,12;  
SADD Ofc. 12



*Kelsey Danzy*  
AC 12; BC Chess Club  
9; GC 9,10; KC 11;  
SC 10; SG 10; TC 9,10



*Christina Davies*



*Ken Davis*  
Aide 12; Autoshop 12;  
BT 12; Class Ofc. 9-12;  
KC 9-12; KC Ofc. 11;  
News. 12; PM 11;  
SG 9-12; SM 10



*Melissa Delgado*



*Anthony DiGangi*  
Football 9-12;  
Track 10,11



*Rashid Diko*



*Nevena Djurdjevic*  
Bskt. 9,10; FC 12; IU  
HP 11; TA 11



*Meredith Dobes*  
Band 9-12; Drumline 9-  
12; NHS 11,12; News.  
10-12; News. Ed. 11,12;  
TA 11,12;  
QS 11,12; Revue 10,12



*Katie Domikaitis*  
Band 11,12; Orchestra  
9-12; Sttbl. 9,10;  
SP 11,12; Volleyball  
9,10



*Sarah Dora*  
Band 9-12; GG 9; Concert Choir  
10; DT 11; DC 9-12; DC Ofc. 10,11;  
Drum Mpy. 11,12; FP 9-12; FCCLA  
11; GC 11,12; GC Ofc. 12; KC 9;  
KB 9,10; OBT 11,12; Revue 9-12;  
GBT 11,12; Sp 9-10, 12; TA 12;  
Thespians 9-12; VC 10;  
Cheerleading 9



*Daniella Douglas*  
Band 9-12; FM 11,12;  
KC 10; MB 11; NHS 12;  
SP 9,10; TA 12;



*Demetria Downing*  
Bskt. 9,10; Fm 12;  
MPAC 12; MT 12; SG  
11,12; TA 12; Track 11;  
YES 11,12



*Francis Dusk*  
CC 9-12; MPAC 10-12;  
NHS 11,12; TA 10-12;  
Track 9-11;  
Academic Superbowl  
12



*Holly Dziaki*



*Alexis East*



*Diamond Eaton*



*Kortney Eaton*



*Ashton Edwards*



*Brittany Flann*



*Cameron Ellis*



*Cordney Ellis*



*Esika Eskine*  
CT 12; Concert Choir  
10; DC 9,12; FP 12;  
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9,10; SP 11; VC 11;  
Vlins. 12



*Cory Espinoza*



*Chitokunbo Fashawe*  
Bskt. 9-12; Bskt. Capt.  
12; Football 9



*Matthew Fayson*  
Bskt. 9; CAD 9,10; CT  
10-12; Concert Choir  
10; Football 9;  
Revue 10-12; TC 10;  
VT 11,12; SP 11-12;  
STAND 12



*Maisha Feagin*



*Stephanie Fovell*  
BC 11,12; Chess Club 9; CG  
11; SOGA 12; DT 11; DC 9-10,  
12; FEA 12; FEA Oic. 12; FM  
11; KC 9,11; QBT 9,12; Revue  
10; SDT 12; SM 11,12; TC 9,10;  
Tennis 9;  
VG 9; Volleyball 9; Yearbook 12



*Zachary Fidler*  
CAD 9-12



*Raven Finch*



*Carolynne Flock*



*Matthew Flores*



*Salina Flores*  
TA 11; Volleyball 9,10;  
Volleyball Capt. 9,10



*Jonathan Floyd*  
Football 9, 11-12;  
FM 12



*Phil Ford*



*Isis Franklin*



*Christian Frink*  
Band 9-12; DC 9-12;  
FM 11,12; NHS 12;  
NHS Oic. 12; PM 9-12;  
Revue 11,12; SDT 12;  
SG 12; TC 11,12;  
Track 9



*Robert Gabrie Jr.*



*Joseph Garcia*  
Autoshop 9, 11-12



*Najia Gaskin*



*Monte Gates*



*Destiny Cerned*



*Tierra Gilbert*  
PNN M.S. 10



*Ericka Gilliam*



*Michael Gillis*  
Football 9-11; FM 12;  
Golf 9-12; Golf Capt.  
12; P Ct. 11; QS 11,12;  
TA 11,12;  
Yearbook 11,12;  
YSE 11,12



*LaVontoria Gist*  
CC 9; DC 9-12; FM  
11,12; KB 11,12; Aide  
11,12; SP 11; STAND  
11,12; Thespians 10-12



*Rashad Givens*



*Jaqueline Gorden*



*Daven Gornick*  
Football 9-12;  
Track 9-12; WC 9-12



*Glorcia Graham*  
Band 9-12; DC 11,12;  
FP 12; FCCLA 11; FM  
11; Revue 11,12; SP  
9-12; TA 12;  
Thespians 11,12



*Jeremy Graham*



*Jasmin Griffin*  
Cheerleading 10-12;  
Cheerleading Capt. 11;  
DC 10; Yearbook 12



*Brittany Hall*



*Sean Hall*



*William Hall*



*Joshua Hammonds*



*Tiana Hannah*  
Revue 10,11; Track 10



*Kalliope Havanmantas*  
Orchestra 9-11



*Brett Harley Jr.*



*Sydney Howld*  
FM 11,12; MPAC 11,12;  
NFT 10-12;  
Orchestra 9,10; Soccer  
9-12; Soccer Capt.  
12; Stlbi. 9-12; TA 12;  
SADD 12



*Raesyn Harper*  
Aide 12; Cheerleading 9-12; Cheerleading Capt. 12;  
KC 9-10, 12; KC Ofc. 12;  
News. 11,12; News. Ed.  
11,12; PM 9-12; OS 11,12;  
SG 12; Tennis 9,10



*Brandon Harris*



*Deajah Harris*  
Bowling Team 10-12;  
SG 9, 11-12;  
YES 11,12



*Tyler Harris*



*Dylan Harrison*



*Vanessa Harwood*  
STAND 11; VC 12



*Philip Hays*  
Autoshop 10-12; Chess  
Club 11; CG 11; Foot-  
ball 10; GC 11; Soccer  
11; STAND Ofc. 11; SG  
11; Swimming Capt. 11  
Track 10, 11



*Lakerra Hendricks*  
Aide 10; Dance Team  
11; TA 9



*Kestin Henry II*  
Autoshop 11,12; CAD  
10-12; Span. C 11,12;  
Span. C Ofc. 11,12; SG  
12; Swimming 12



*Samantha Hehl*  
NFT 10; PNN F.S. 12



*Shelby Hicks*



*Chandler Hill*  
Gymnastics 9-12;  
ST 12



*Malcolm Hindman*



*Joshua Hogan*  
Bskt. 11, 12;  
Bskt. Capt. 9, 10; HCB  
12



*Shaunice Holbrook*  
CT 11, 12; CC 10; DC 9-12;  
Bkt. Ofc. 10; FP 9, 10; MT 12;  
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Thespians 9-12; Thespians  
Ofc. 10; VC 9; VT 11, 12



*Courtney  
Hollingsworth*  
KC 9; SG 11, 12



*Mitchell Holman*



*Azari Hopson*



*Dean Hughes*



*Christopher Huley*  
CC 11; DT 12; PH 12;  
PNN F.S. 12; SG 11, 12;  
SG Ofc. 12; TA 10; YES  
12



*Stephanie Husek*



*Aaron Hutchinson*



*Ericson Jackson*



*Arthur Jacobs*



*Ashley Jameson*  
Band 9-12; FM 11, 12;  
Jazz Band 9-12; MPAC  
11, 12; NHS 11, 12;  
Track 9-12;  
Volleyball 9-12;  
Revue 10, 12



*Alyssa James*  
Aide 12;  
Swimming 9-12



*Renitia James*



*Angelique Jernigan*



*Aaron Johnson*



*Chantel Johnson*



*Tyree Johnson*



*Beva Jones*



*Jeremiah Jones*  
Bskt. 9-12;  
Bskt. Capt. 10-12;  
FM 12; MPAC



*Kyle Jones*



*Laron Jones*  
CT 10-12;  
Concert Choir 9;  
GA; Revue 11;  
SC 10-12; SP 11;  
STAND Ofc. 12; VT  
10-12



*David Jordan*  
DT 12; FM 11, 12;  
Orchestra 10-12; PM  
12; Swimming 10-12;  
Track 10-12





*Elden Joshua*



*Elani Kazonis*  
EC 9-12; MB 9-12;  
PNN F.S. 10, 11; PC 11;  
Soccer 9-11;  
Soccer Capt. 9, 10;  
Tennis 9



*Maurice Kelly Jr.*



*Laura Kennedy*  
Aktion Club 12



*Anthony Kidd*



*Rebekkah Kimani*



*Maxin Kimbrough*



*Davien King*  
Art Club 12;  
Art Club Ofc. 12;  
CG 9-10, 12; SOSA 11;  
DC 9-10, 12; PP 12; FM  
12; KB 12; STAND 11, 12;  
SG 9-10, 12



*Abigail Kirkpatrick*  
G.A.C.C. 12; TA 12



*Christopher Knight*



*Sam Koeppl*



*Candice Lambert*  
Art Club 10-12;  
CAD 11, 12; FM 12;  
KC 9-11; KC Ofc. 11;  
STAND 11, 12;  
Tennis 9-12;  
Tennis Capt. 12



*Lauren Lambert*  
SOSA 11; FM 12;  
KC 9-12; KC Ofc. 11;  
PM 12; OBT 12;  
SDT 12; STAND 11, 12;  
SG 12; Tennis 9-11;  
Tennis Capt. 12



*Eric Laro*



*Anna Loventis*  
Soccer 11, 12



*Stephanie Lobody*  
Band 10-12; DC 9, 10;  
FP 9, 10; NHS 12;  
TA 11, 12; VDDQ 10



*Jessica Lowery*  
Aide 12; Cheerleading  
9; Dance Team 10, 11;  
KC 9, 10



*Alexander Luna*



*Takela Mblono*



*Antawon Marshall Jr.*



*Jessica Martin*  
Softball 9-11;  
Sftbl. Capt. 10-12  
TC 9-11; Volleyball 12;  
WC 9-11



*Morgan Martin*



*Alexander Matthews*



*Reaurna Maxie*



*Mya Mayfield*  
Band 11,12; DC 10-12;  
FP 11,12; FC 11,12;  
Orchestra 9-11;  
Revue 11,12;  
Soccer 9-12; SP 10-12;  
Thespians 11,12; WC 12



*Bradley Mayo*



*Chela McClain*  
Concert Choir 10-12;  
SOSA Ofc. 11; DC 9;  
STAND Ofc. 11,12;  
TC 11; VC 9



*Ariana McDaniel*  
Yearbook 12; YSE 12



*Nichole McFarland*  
Band 9-11;  
Orchestra 9-12;  
Tennis 9, 10 KC 9



*Monique McMillan*



*Markell McMurray*



*Heather Mihal*  
Art Club 12; SOSA 10-12;  
DC 11,12; FC 9-12;  
FC Ofc. 11,12; TA 12



*Brandon Melnar*  
Autoshop 11; Track 11



*Latoya Moore*



*Kenjio Nangin*  
Chess Club 10-12;  
Soccer 10-12



*Matthew Neal*



*Lori Nelligan*  
DC 10-12; NHS 11,12;  
Revue 11,12; SP 12;  
SG 9-12; Tennis 9-12;  
Tennis Capt. 12;  
Thespians 11,12



*Viviana Nunez*



*Joshua Nevins-Frey*  
Chess Club 9-12



*Shelby Newell*



*Alexandria Noeton*  
CG 9,12;  
Dance Team 9-10, 12;  
Dance Team Capt. 12;  
HCF 12; IU HP 12;  
LS 11; SG 11,12



*Yasmine Norwood*



*Marissa Novak*  
DC 9-12; DC Ofc. 12;  
FP 9-12; FM 11;  
FC 9-12; FC Ofc. 10-12;  
KB 11,12; Revue 9-12;  
SP 9-12; STAND 9;  
TA 12; Thespians 10-12;  
Thespians Ofc. 11,12;  
VC 11



*Loren O'Neal*



*Kirstyn Oliver*  
Aktion Club 12



*James Ooms Jr.*



*Serena Omeas*



*Morgan Orosz*



*Jasmine Ortiz*  
STAND 12; FCCLA 12;  
SG 12



*Melanie Ortiz*  
Aide 11, 12; NHS 12;  
PH 11; PM 11, 12;  
P Cl. 11; TA 11, 12;  
Track 10



*Mullorey Parker*



*Marcha Parker*



*Payton Parker*  
Cheerleading 12; CT 10-12;  
Concert Choir 9;  
Football 9-12; NHS 11, 12;  
PH 11, 12; Prowse 10-12;  
SC 10-12; SG 10-12; SP 11;  
TA 12; TC 9-12; Track 9-12;  
Track Capt. 12; VT 10-12;  
WC 11, 12



*Cody Paskhuist*



*Ashley Perez*  
PH 12; TA 12



*Danielle Perry*  
Concert Choir 9, 10;  
Sfbl. 9



*Elvencor Perry*



*Joshua Perry*



*Michal Perry*



*Raya Petty*  
BC 12; Cheerleading 9;  
FM 11, 12; STAND 12;  
SADD 12; SG 9-11;  
SM 10, 11; TC 12



*Aubrey Phillips*  
Band 9-12;  
Baseball 10, 11;  
Swimming 10, 11;  
TC 9-12



*Kaitlyn Phillips*  
Band 9-12;  
Diving 10-12;  
Diving Capt. 11, 12;  
FCCLA 12;  
MPAC 11, 12; Soccer 9;  
TA 11, 12



*Densel Pierce*  
Bskt. 9; Football 9-12;  
Football Capt. 12;  
FM 12



*Rosalind Purle*



*Gabriela Ponce*  
Bskt. 9; Soccer 10, 11;  
Sfbl. 9-12; TA 12



*Beyanna Pope*



*Bianca Portis*  
Cheerleading 9-12;  
Cheerleading Capt. 10;  
TA 12; Track 10, 12



*Mariah Portis*  
Art Club 12; SM 10-12;  
TA 12



*Christopher Powell*



*Deion Powell*  
STAND 12



*Ashayna Price*



*Shaina Pullum*



*BreAnn Pulpheus*  
SOSA 12; DC 10-12;  
FP 10, 11; News: 12;  
PM 11; PNN F.S. 11; STAND  
10-12; STAND Ofc. 11, 12;  
Thespians 10-12;  
Poetry Slam Team 12



*Exangelos Quanstrom*



*Alex Quijano*  
Baseball 9-12



*Juan Ramos Jr.*



*Zachary Raspopovich*  
Baseball 9,10;  
Bskt. 9,10;  
Football 9-12;  
Football Capt. 12; NHS  
11,12; PH 11;  
P Cl. 11; PK 11 SAC 11



*Anton Redmon Jr.*  
Bskt. 9-12; Football 12;  
FC 9-11



*Jasmine Reed*  
Aide 11; FCCLA 12



*Kyle Reed*  
Football 9; STAND 12;  
Track 11



*Edward Reese Jr.*  
DC 11,12; FP 11;  
GA 12; NHS 10-12;  
TA 12



*Allysa Reyes*  
PM 12; SG Ofc. 12;  
TA 11; YES 11



*Mellysa Reyes*  
FC 11,12; STAND  
11,12; SADD 12



*Angela Reynolds*  
DT 9,10; KC 10,11;  
Orch. 9,10,11,12;  
STAND Ofc. 12;  
SG 9,10,11,12;  
TC 9,10,12; Volleyball 9



*Keshan Richards*



*Christian Rios*



*Victor Rios*



*Melissa Rivera*



*Tanya Riveron*  
Art Club 12;  
Art Club Ofc. 12;  
GC 9-11;  
Orch. 9-12



*Jamie Roberts*  
BC 9,10,11,12; CG 12;  
CC 11; DC 9,10;  
GC 9-11; KC 9-11;  
STAND 11; SG 9-12;  
TA 12



*JoQuice Robinson*



*Jasmine Robinson*



*Reginald Robinson Jr.*  
STAND 11,12;  
STAND Ofc.12;  
TC 10,11,12; V.O.R. 10;  
FM 11,12



*Robert Robinson*



*Rebekah Rochefort*



*Jose Rodriguez*  
CC 9; Orch. 9-12





*Danissa Rogers-Giles*  
FCCLA 12; KG 12; T.A.  
11,12; PH 11;  
STAND 12;  
SADD 12; Track 10



*Audrey Rojas*



*Kolan Rollins*



*Andee Ross*  
Bskt. 9-12; Bskt. Capt. 9;  
FM 11,12;  
NHS 12; PH 12;  
P Cl. 12; STAND 12;  
TA 12; TC 10,11;  
V.O.R. 9-12; YES 11,12



*Jill Ross*  
Art Club 12; Diving 10;  
DC 10-12; DC Oic. 11;  
PNN F.S. 11,12;  
Soccer 9-12; SP 10-12;  
Swimming 11,12;  
Swimming Capt. 12;  
TA 12; Track 9



*Skylar Rothgeb*  
Bowling Team 9-12;  
DC 9; NHS 11,12;  
TA 11,12; Track 10



*Jarien Rowe*



*Kourtney Royster*



*Tia Krueker*  
CT 11-12; Concert  
Choir 10; FM 11-12;  
Revue 9,11; SC 10;  
SP 11; STAND 12;  
TC 9-11; Tennis 9;  
VC 9; VT 11-12



*Breyana Russ*  
Track 10-12



*Liara Russell*



*Kelsey Sapota*  
FM 11,12; MPAC 10-12;  
Golf 12; NHS 12;  
NHS Oic. 12; PH 12;  
Swimming 9-12;  
Swimming Capt. 11,12;  
TA 11,12; Tennis 9, 11-12;  
Tennis Capt. 12; Volleyball 9-11



*Obdulia Salazar*



*Lindsay Sanchez*  
Dance Team 11-12;  
Dance Team Capt. 11-12;  
H Cl. 12; OA 9; PH 11;  
Yearbook 12; YSE 12



*Evan Sandifer*



*Kyle Schroeder*  
Band 9,10; CC 10-12;  
CC Capt. 11;  
NHS 11,12;  
Swimming 11,12;  
Swimming Capt. 12;  
TA 11; Track 9-11



*Nicholas Schuffert*  
Bowling Team 10-12;  
CAD 12;  
Chess Club 10-12



*Charity Scribner*  
BC 11,12;  
Concert Choir 10-12;  
NHS 11,12; PM 11;  
STAND 11; TC 10,11;  
VC 9



*Deanna Scott*  
Art Club 12; SOSA 12;  
DC 10-12; FM 11;  
KB 11,12; NHS 12; SBT.  
10; SP 11,12;  
TA 11,12; Thespians 12



*Thomas Sears*



*Erin Sequest*  
Concert Choir 10;  
Golf 11; STAND 12;  
SG 11,12; Track 11,12;  
VC 9; YES 11,12



*Alejandro Soriano*  
Band 9-12; CAD 9-12;  
PH 12



*David Serrato*



*Brandon Simon*  
CAD 11,12; DC 11,12;  
DC Oic. 12; PP 12; FM 11;  
KB 11,12; MPAC 11,12;  
NHS 12; Orchestra 9;  
Revue 10; SP 11,12;  
Tennis 9-12; Tennis Capt. 12;  
Thespians 12;  
Thespians Oic. 12



*Stacey Shotwell*



*Jillian Simmons*  
SOSA 10,11; DC 9;  
FP 10; Golf 12; KC 11;  
News. 10,12; SDT 12;  
Yearbook 12



*Rayshawn Simpson*  
GACC 11,12; PM 9;  
SG 12



*Aden Sims*  
Bskt. 9; FM 12;  
Golf 10-12;  
Golf Capt. 12;  
MPAC 11,12



*Joshua Sims*



*Maximillian Skinner*



*Matthew Smiley*



*Charles Smith*  
Band 9-12; Drumline 9;  
FM 11,12; TA 11



*Raven Smith*  
C Ofc. 9; Concert Choir  
10; DC 12;  
FCCLA 12;  
News. 12; PM 12;  
SADD 12; VC 9



*Richard Smith*  
DC 9-12; DC Ofc. 12;  
FP 10-12; KB 12;  
Revue 12; SP 11,12;  
STAND 12; SADD 12;  
SG 9-11; Theplans 11,12;  
Theatians Ofc. 12



*Taylor Smith*  
FM 12; News. 10,12;  
News. Ed. 12;  
PM 11,12; QS 11,12;  
SM 12; ST 10



*Victoria Smith*  
Dance Team 9-11;  
GACC 11,12;  
Lipsync 11; Revue 10;  
TA 12; Track 9



*Joshua Smithers*  
Autoshop 10-12;  
Band 9-10;  
Wrestling 9,12



*Raymond Snelling Jr.*  
Bldg. Trades 11; DC 12;  
Golf 12; Mock Trial 12;  
SG 12



*Courtney Snyder*  
DC 9-11; FP 10-11;  
KC 12; SP 9-11; TA 10



*Amber Spear*  
DT 12; GA 9; TA 12



*Robert Spear III*  
Autoshop 9-12;  
Bldg. Trades 10-12



*Bianca Stewart*  
SG 11,12



*Marissa Stewart*  
GACC 11,12; STAND  
12; SG 12



*Christopher  
Stojanovski*



*Jason Strimbu*  
Autoshop 10; CAD  
9-12; NHS 11,12; Or-  
chestra 9



*Kyle Strom*  
Baseball 9-12



*Demon Strong*



*Shakelah Strong*



*Melanee Stubbs*  
Bskt. 9-12; Bskt. Capt.  
12; FM 11,12; HCF 12;  
HCQ 12; MPAC 11,12;  
NHS 12;  
NHS Ofc. 12; PM 12;  
Volleyball 9



*Jasmine Suggs*



*Alysia Surney*



*Kaitlyn Sweeney*



*Ana Tafuya*



*Kimberly Tapper*



*Derek Taylor Jr.*  
Bldg. Trades 11,12;  
Football 9-12;  
Wrestling 9-11



*Terry Taylor*  
FM 12



*Arriel Terry*



*Vladimir Thomas*  
CAD 9-10, 12



*Anisha Thompson*



*Taylor Thornley*



*Brittany Thurston*  
Concert Choir 11; FC 9-  
12; FC Ofc. 9-12; VC 9



*Marleen Tivado*  
EC 12; SC 12; PM 10;  
STAND 10-12; STAND  
Ofc. 11,12; SADD 12



*Samantha Tomb*



*Celby Trumble*



*Mariah Trigg*



*Redney Trigg II*  
Baseball 9-12; Concert  
Choir 10-12; FM 12;  
YES 12



*Matthew Tuohy*  
Art Club 12; Soccer 9;  
STAND 11,12; SM 9



*Katelynn Usher*  
Cheerleading 9-12;  
Cheerleading Capt.  
12; Concert Choir 10;  
MPAC 10-12; VC 9



*Erika Valladares*  
Soccer 12;  
Swimming 12; TA 12



*Allison Vavra*  
FM 12; PH 12;  
Tennis 9-12; YES 12



*Rafael Vasquez*



*Victoria Verdusco*  
AFJROTC 12; FM 12;  
GA 12; Soccer 9-12;  
TA 12



*Ronae Vickerstaff*



*Jeremy Villarreal*  
Chess Club 11;  
NHS 11, 12;  
STAND 12; WC 10-12



*Breanna Walker*  
FM 11; FEA12;  
FC 10; KC 12;  
NHS 10-12; PH 12;  
PM 9-12; SDT 12;  
STAND 12; SADD 12;  
SG 12; YES 12



*Brianna Walker*



*Deshane Walker*  
Autoshop 11, 12;  
Bldg. Trades 12;  
Football 9; Wrestling 12



*Kara Walker*



*Natalie Warren*  
AA 11, 12;  
FCCLA 11, 12; Track  
9-12



*Kelsey Washburn*  
Diving 9, 10; FM 12; Golf  
9-12; MT 12;  
PH 12; OS 11, 12;  
SM 11; TA 12;  
Tennis 9, 10  
Yearbook 11, 12; YES 12



*Kentrell Washington*



*Hannah Webster*  
AA 11, 12; CO 12;  
FM 11, 12; KC 9-12;  
KC Olig. 11, 12; MPAC 11;  
PM 9-12; OS 12;  
Stab. 9, 10; SM 10-12;  
ST 10, 11; TA 11;  
Yearbook 12; YE 12



*Jessica Weiss*



*Elizabeth Weiss*



*Maureka Wesley*



*Elizabeth Whalen*  
CT 12; Concert Choir  
10, 11; DC 10-12;  
DC Olig. 12; FP 11;  
Revue 10-12; SC 12;  
SP 11; Thespians 10-12;  
VC 9; Vltins. 11



*Brechee White*  
CT 12;  
Concert Choir 10-11;  
CC 12; FM 11-12; SC 12;  
STAND 12; SG 12;  
Track 9-12; VC 9; VT 12;  
Volleyball 9-11



*Raven White*  
DC 12; Revue 12;  
STAND 12; SG 11-12;  
TA 11; TC 11-12;  
Track 12;



*Alexis Wiggins*  
G.A.C.C. 11, 12



*Kayla Wiggins*  
PNN M.S. 12;  
PNN F.S. 12;  
Track 10-12;  
Volleyball 9, 12; SG 12



*Lorien Wilkins*



*Bryce Williams*  
DC 9; FP 9; NHS 11-12;  
STAND 10, 11, 12; TA 11



*Fantasia Williams*



*Kendrick Williams Jr.*  
EC 11; Football 9, 12;  
FC 11



*Kenosha Williams*



*Mary Williams*





*TeKeia Williams*  
CG 9-12; FM 11-12;  
FEA 11-12;  
FEA Ofc. 12; KC 11-12;  
STAND 11-12;  
STAND Ofc. 12; SG 9-12;  
TA 12; Yearbook 12;



*Tianna Williams*



*Robin Williamson*



*Dallas Wilson*  
Football 9-12;  
Track 10-11



*Queonte Wilson*



*Ryan Wilson*



*Rachel Withers*



*Alexx Wright*



*DeVante Wright*



*Ivessa Wright*



*James Wright*  
Bskt. 9; C Ofc. 12; CC 10;  
Football 9; FM 11-12;  
MT 11-12; NHS 11-12; NHS  
Ofc. 12; News. 11-12; News.  
Ed. 12; OS 11-12;  
SG 11-12; SM 11; TA 12;  
Track 9-10; YES 11-12



*Kenneth Wright*  
Baseball 9-12; Bskt. 9



*Jasmine Yarbro*



*Kaitlyn Yockey*



*Hope Yocum*



*Terrence Yon*  
Autoshop 9, 11;  
Band 9-12; FEA 12;  
FEA Ofc. 12;  
Football 9



*Aquilla Young*  
DT 12; FC 12; GC 9;  
NHS 11-12; TA 12;  
Track 12



*Dayna Young*  
Cheerleading 9-12;  
News. 11-12;  
News. Ed. 12; TA 12;  
TC 10, 11



*Christopher  
Youngblood*



*Patricia Zimmerman*  
News. 10-12; PH 12



*Brandon Smith*

# No Profile Pictures

Justyn Adams	Charles Downs	Jordan Johnson	Oswaldo Meza	Alexandria Sims
Dontrell Allen	Jovan Dunlap	Mavril Johnson	Marina Miljus	Adriana Smith
Bskt. 12	Aaron DuVall	Te'Ayre Johnson	Stephanie Miller	Cameron D Smith
Javier Avalos	Anthony Elmore	Terrance Johnson	William Minard	Cameron M Smith
Soccer 9,10; Track 9;	Marques Elliot	Michael Joiner Jr.	Janet Miodragovic	Darius Smith
Wrestling 9-12; Wrestling	Chelsea Ellis	Glenn Jones Jr.	Shamanda Moncrief	Eanzie Smith
Capt. 11,12	Anthony Elmore	Survae Jones	Devon Moore	Cheryl Sinoot
Michael Andonowski	Lawrence Evans	Latrayl Joseph	Iving Moreno	Angelica Spaw
Andrew Appleton	Beverly Farmer-French	Andrew Kapitan	Soccer 10; Span. C 11,12;	Camille Starks
Victor Arellano	Nicholas Feliciano	Clay Kendava	Span. C Ofc. 11,12	Jeremiah Stegall
Amando Aremand	Baseball 9-12	Reginald Kennebrew Jr.	Malik Muhammad	Deandre Stewart
Chyara Arnold	Annisia Fitzpatrick	Bobby King-Humphery	Carlton Murrell III	Quia Sweet
Martin Arriaga	Aide 9	Andrew King	Kewon Ollie	Ronte Terrell
Javier Avalos	Anthone Frederick	Anthony King	Brittany Payne	Michael Thieling
Kayla Baker	Megan Calarza	IU HP 9-12; Aide 10-12;	Samyva Pattaway-Ben-	Damon Thomas
Michelle Battle	Heather Geeze	STAND 9,12	son	Raymond Thomas
Lachapelle Bradley	Amy Gibson	Kameron Knight	Brittany Phillips	Dezyn Tillotson
Janay Bray	Davonte Gillard	Jacob Kopf	Gabriel Pineda	Airton Timmons
Joseph Brignoni	Bruce Gonzalez	Kyle Kestvo	Demetrius Plainer	Charles Tomasowski
Brittney Britton	Timothy Grayson Jr.	Michael Koulianos	Natasha Poelnitz	Leon Trajkovski
JaiQuan Britton	Inari Green	Samantha Kwell	Shantiqua Porter	Rodney Turner Jr.
Jasmin Brooks	Antoine Gregory Jr.	Angela Ledesma	Andrew Posey	Makita Turner
Jon Brown	Chess Club 9-12; DT 9	Latasha Lee	Anxastasia Prothro	Mariah Turner
Tyeshia Brown	Andrew Griggs	F.E.A. 12; FM 11, 12;	Jesse Reyes	Avery Uersery
Tanisha Buford	Acad. Spb. 10-12; HBS 11;	KC 10; News, 11; Aide 12;	Luis Reyes	Baseball 9;
G.A.C.C. 11,12	Aide 9; QBT 12; SDT 12;	PH 12; SG 9	Kellie Rhodes	Bldg. Trades 11,12
Wilfred Campbell	SBT 10,11	Shakiah Lee	Arthur Richards	Brandon Uruzuquieta
Jerrick Cannon	Briana Hackett	Charlishca Leeks	Mariah Richardson	Bryan Uruzuquieta
Olivia Carter	Kelvin Hagan	Concert Choir 10-12;	Marshaun Riley	Soccer 9-10, 12
Tina Clark	Clifton Haemon III	DC 10,12; STAND 11,12;	Fionne Rivera	Corina Vazquez
Kimberly Climack	Laxante Hawkins	VC 9	Denitrial Robinson	Victoria Verdusco
PH 11	Karla Henderson	Miguel Lewis	DeJahnaba Roddy	Robert Ward
Rahim Conwell	Angela Hopkins	Jessica Lopez	Xavier Ruiz	Shy Ward
Marcus Cooper-Longoria	Baseball 9; CC 12;	Jelani Louis	Attallah Sanders	Brittany Ware
Michael Cotto	Diving Capt. 11; PC 11;	Leroy Love	Matthew Saxinger	Dakin Warfield
Antonio Cuahuizo	STAND 12; SG 11,12;	Chess Club 12; PM 9-12;	Adetienne Scott-Harris	Donisha Webster
Ronald Currie Jr.	Track 11,12; Y.E.S.	STAND 9; Wrestling 9;	Angela Scott	Rashad Welch
CAD 9-11; SG 11	Norshawn Hudson	Y.E.S. 11, 12	Jasmine Scott	Carlshia Wheatley
Christopher Dabney	Jamaal Jackson	Christopher Mabone	Denzel Shaw	Kenshell Whisby
Kyle Daniels	Mark Jakubowicz	Tamara Macklin	Nichole Shearer	Craig Williams
Baseball 9,10; DC 9-12;	Kiara James	GiaJuana Manuel	Band 9,10;	Dexter Williams
FP 9-11; Revue 9,11;	Taylor James	Kendrell Martin	Chess Club 11; DC 9-12;	Vanetta Williams
Thespians 9-12	Leticia Jaramillo	VOC 9	FP 9-11; F.C.C.L.A. 9-12;	Lunden Wise
Thomas Daugherty	Alicia Jenkins	Redrick May	F.C.C.L.A. Ofc. 11; GC 9;	April Yates
Jamie Davis	Amanda Johnson	Joshua Melvin	Sfbl. 11; SP 9-12	Shaun Young
Sterling Day	Cordney Johnson	DC 11,12; FP 12; KB 12;	Stacey Shotwell	
Carlos Dickerson Jr.		Thespians 12		



## Senior Activities Key

AA- Athletic Aide	Team Captain	Football	PNN F.S. - PNN Friday Show	ST-Student Trainer
Acad. Spb. - Academic Superbowl	DT- Decathlon Team	HCB- Homecoming Court Basketball	Prsmn. - Pressman	SB - Super Bowl
AFJROTC- Air Force Junior Action Club	Diving	HQB - Homecoming Queen Basketball	PC - Prom Committee	Swimming
Art Club	DC- Drama Club	HPB- Homecoming Princess Basketball	Poetry Slam Team-Poetry Slam Team	Swimming Capt. - Swimming Captain
Art Club Otc. - Art Club Officer	DC Otc. - Drama Club Officer	HGS - Hoosier Girls State	P Cl. - Prom Court	TA - Teacher Aide
AutoShop	Drill Team	HBS- Hoosier Boys State	PK- Prom King	TC - Teens for Christ
Band	Drumline	IU HP- IU Honors Program	PO - Prom Queen	Tennis
Baseball	Drum Maj.	Jazz Imp. - Jazz Impressions	QS - Quill and Scroll	Tennis Capt. - Tennis Captain
Baseball Capt. - Baseball Captain	EC - Environmental Club	Jazz Band	QS Off. - Quill and Scroll Officer	Thespians
Bskt. - Basketball	EC Otc. - Environmental Club Officer	J.E.T.S. - Junior Engineering Technical Society	OBT - Quiz Bowl Team	Thespians Otc. - Thespians Officer
Bskt. Capt. - Basketball Captain	FP - Fall Play	KC - Key Club	Revue	Track
BC- Bible Club	F.E.A. - Future Educators of America	KC Otc. - Key Club Officer	RC - Russian Club	Track Capt. -Track Captain
Bowling Team	F.E.A. Otc. - Future Educators of America Officer	KB- Kids on the Block	RC Otc. - Russian Club Officer	VC -Varsity Choir
Bldg. Trades- Building Trades	F.C.C.L.A.- Family, Career & Community Leaders of America	LS- Lip Sync	SO - Science Olympiad	VDDQ -Valentine's Day Dance
BPA -Business Professionals of America	F.C.C.L.A. Otc. - Family, Career & Community Leaders of America Officer	MB - Marine Biology	SVE - Senior Video Editor	Queen
CAD	MT- Mock Trial	MPAC- Merrillville Pirate Athletic Council	SC - Show Choir	Wtns. - Velvetrees
Cheerleading	N.H.S. - National Honor Society	MT- Mock Trial	Soccer	VT- Vocal Teens
Cheerleading Capt. - Cheerleading Captain	N.H.S. Otc. - National Honor Society Officer	NFT- National French Test	Soccer Capt. - Soccer Captain	V.O.R.- Voices of Reason
Chess Club	FC- French Club	NST - National Spanish Test	Sftbl. - Softball	Volleyball
Class Otc. - Class Officer	FC Otc. - French Club Officer	NGT - National German Test	Sftbl. Capt. - Softball Captain	Volleyball Capt. -Volleyball Captain
CPC- Commencement Planning Committee	FM- Freshman Mentor	NH - Natural Helpers	Span.C Otc. - Spanish Club Officer	WC -Weightlifting Competition
CG- Class Government	GA- Guidance Aide	News. - Newspaper	SO- Special Olympics	WCC - Weightlifting Competition
CT- Choral Teens	G.A.C.C. - Gary Area Career Center	News. Ed. - Newspaper Editor	SDT- Speech and Debate Team	Wrestling
CG Cap. - Color Guard Captain	Golf	News. E.J.C.- Newspaper Editor-in-Chief	SBT- Spell Bowl Team	Wrestling Capt. -Wrestling Captain
Concert Choir	Golf Capt. - Golf Captain	OA - Office Aide	SP - Spring Play	WDL -Winter Drum Line
C Otc. - Class Officer	GC - German Club	Orch. - Orchestra	STAND- Socially Together and Naturally Diverse	WG -Winter Guard
SOSA- Creative Writing Club	GC Otc. - German Club Officer	PH - Peer Helper	STAND Otc. - STAND Officer	Yearbook
SOSA Otc. - Creative Writing Club Officer	Gymnastics	PM - Peer Mediator	SAC - Student Advisory Committee	YE -Yearbook Editor
CC - Cross Country	H.E.R.O.- Helping Education Reach Occupations	Plan.- Planetarium	S.A.D.D. - Students Against Destructive Decisions	YSE -Yearbook Section Editor
CC Capt. - Cross Country Captain	HCF - Homecoming Court	PNN M.S. - PNN Morning Show	S.A.D.D. Otc. - Students Against Destructive Decisions Officer	Y.E.S.- Youth Enriched by Service
Dance Team	HQF - Homecoming Queen		SG- Student Government	
Dance Team Capt. - Dance			SM - Student Manager	



# Notes



# Bianca Cardenas

Trying to be as unique as I can

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Erick Acosta  
Tomorrow is Friday and last day for ECA!!!  
hahaha  
:D Thank GOD!!!



Casey Fejes  
I like how I'm doing Rachel Robertson's  
homework over skype. :P



Kara Phillips  
I meant to start on all these finals packets 2  
hours ago. thanks facebook



Rachel Withers  
I can't concentrate on this homework -\_-



Alexis Alexander  
I HATE PRANK CALLERS!!! Some people have  
school in the morning and care about sleeping so  
stop calling at like midnight and close to one in the  
morning.

PHOTOS AT LEFT: In Mr. Mark McCullom's biology class, Juniors Quanzell Snowden and Brittany Jones work on a lab together. With fists clenched, Sophomore Jibria Ali showcases her poem, "Down the Tubes," at the Reader Theatre, part of Ms. Lee Meyer's Advanced Speech Class.



# Academics in action

Nine members of the Academic Decathlon team began studying the second week of school, meeting twice a week for an hour each time. "Since we made the state finals, we continued to practice all the way through February," Coach Jason Sonnenberg said.

Their season ended at the state finals when they finished eighth in the state of Indiana for the second year in a row.

"The highlight of the year was the Area Competition at Hammond Gavit," Sonnenberg said, "when we won 23 individual awards, with Senior Andrew Griggs winning the overall score for all 10 events for his division."

At their first competition at LaPorte, the team had four

individual winners, with each winning at least two ribbons. At the Area Competition at Hammond Gavit High School, the team finished in second place in the Large School Division. Many team members won multiple awards.

At the state finals at Purdue University in February, Senior Andrew Griggs won three silver medals.

Spell Bowl team members had their own set of challenges. Armed with a list of 3500 words to learn, team members set out to memorize words like "acquiescent" and "synecdoche." Their knowledge of etymology was sure to help them place third at the DAC Invitational.



In her classroom, Mrs. Evelyn Steiner teaches Spanish and French. After school, she coaches two academic teams.

When Mrs. Evelyn Steiner retires in 2011, she will be capping off a 24-year stint as a world languages teacher and a coach of academic teams.

"The challenge has always been to find students who have time, students who aren't in sports or who work," Steiner said.

For the Super Bowl team, the work for Steiner starts

well before she has any members.

"This year has been kind of fun for me," she said. "This year it's Latin America, and I know a little about that culture."

She said she invests hours prepping herself in the literature of the culture designated for the competition in order to coach students in English and fine

arts. She often called on English teachers to help.

"I always have fun, though, because it's enjoyable to work with students who love the subject and want to learn more," she said.

"These kids are willing to spend extra time," she said of her teams. "They love what they are learning."

The teams become like a family because they make

connections with each other outside a regular classroom.

And winning it all is less important than the journey.

"Sure, it's nice to win," she said, "but other things are more important. The preparation and learning that occurs as they are preparing for the competition is more important."

"Even if they don't win, they are winners," she said.

### Quiz Bowl

Jason Sonnenberg, Coach

Front row: Lauren Carniello, Sarah Dora, Caleb Sanchez, Ana Adame;

Back row: Mansoor Arifee, Jacob Swierc, Alex Swierc, Joseph Witkowski, Mr. Sonnenberg.



### Spell Bowl

Evelyn Steiner, Coach

Front row: Allison Gronli, Emma Bice, Sarah Dora, Rebecca Broom;

Second row: Caleb Sanchez, Ana Adame, Mrs. Steiner; Back row: Jacob Swierc, Alex Swierc, Joseph Witkowski, Mansoor Arifee.

### Super Bowl

Evelyn Steiner, Coach

Front row: Allison Gronli, Emma Bice, Kelli Chavez, Conrad Czosnyka,

Ana Adame; Second row: Mansoor Arifee, Francis Dusik, Ashley Jamerson, Mrs. Steiner; Back row: Alex Swierc, Jacob Swierc, Joseph Witkowski.



### Academic Decathlon

Rachel Sonnenberg, Jason Sonnenberg, Coaches

Front row: Aquilla Young, Brooklyn Russell, Jacob Swierc; Second row:

Christopher Huley, Joseph Witkowski, Matthew Flores; Back row: Mrs. Sonnenberg, Mr. Sonnenberg.



# teachers

## make classrooms come alive

They lecture, grade term papers, quizzes and tests and hand out homework assignments. Teachers also spend hours with students involved in extracurricular activities and sports.

"My first objective is to make the class smile by telling a joke or simply asking about something that I know that many students would be interested in," social studies teacher Mr. Michael Knocke said.

Once he has the students' attention, he shifts gears to the day's lesson.

"I try to involve multiple tasks in every class period because I have learned through experience that many students have trouble staying focused for longer than 30 minutes," he said. Group activities also help create a positive learning environment in his US history class.

A teacher for six years, Knocke also serves as the sponsor for Student Government and Youth Enriched by Service (YES). Each evening, he works with students in Alternative School.

Science teacher Mr. Mark McCullom also works to create a comfortable learning environment.

"I want them to walk into an environment in which they feel relaxed and confident," Mr. McCullom said. "I like making science more fun and exciting for my students."

Physical education teacher and girls' tennis coach Kyle Prow also tries to show students the fun side of physical education and health.

"I really like showing students that health and physical education can be beneficial and fun at the same time," Mr. Prow said.

Now in his second year of teaching, Mr. Prow incorporates different games, such as Jeopardy, and plays review games with his health classes.

"For PE, I like to organize different challenges that bring everybody on to the same level," he said. "Playing scooter soccer is a fun one. Lacrosse is a fun activity that students rarely do to never play."

While students are running around the track, Mr. Prow encourages them to run with a partner or a group so that they can get a conversation going.

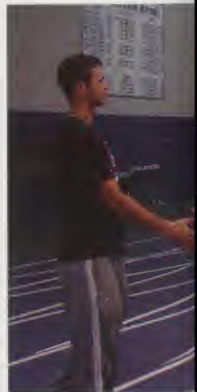
"I stand on the track and high-five every one of them when they come around," he said. "It gives them a sense of accomplishment and I can give them positive encouragement better that way."

Teachers often leave a positive influence on students that may carry into adulthood.

Science teacher for six years, Mr. Dave Hinkel, said one teacher influenced the career he has chosen today.

"I had a good professor in college," Hinkel said, "that made science interesting and made me look deeper into it."

*"While students work hard, they often need encouragement to keep going," Coach Kyle Prow said. He gives a high-five to Senior Allison Varela as she completes her mile run as part of her conditioning for the spring tennis team.*







While working on their lab, Juniors Charles Pickett and Chaloni Walker receive help from Mr. Mark McCullom. "Talking them through their work helps them to understand it better," Mr. McCullom said.

What is the most rewarding part of teaching?



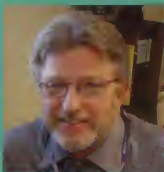
The relationships I build with students and the opportunity to see them succeed. Years later, when I run into former students, I am amazed at the impact I had on them.

Mrs. Nancy Draper



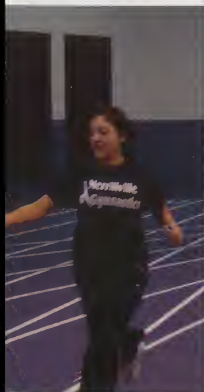
Knowing that I'm helping students become better, productive students.

Mr. Michael Knocke



Watching my students grow from freshmen to seniors and even beyond, and seeing them come back as successful adults.

Mr. Jeff Yelton



After a 15-year hiatus, Mr. James Simon took up the trumpet again, this time with the Pirate Pep Band. "I was a jazz trumpet major at IU. I've been playing trumpet since 1981 and piano before then," Simon said. Simon played in pep bands, marching bands, concert bands, orchestras, brass quintets, jazz combos, and he even had to wear tights once to play at a Renaissance Fair. Simon said he practices whatever tunes Band Director Mark Danielson calls to "minimize my mistakes during the game."

What do students  
find fascinating  
in your  
classroom?



PNN is a great class because it enables students to use different levels of creativity. For students who enjoy creative writing, they dream up stories for skits. News oriented students come up with strategies to report. Other students enjoy the technical aspects of putting a story together, adding special effects and/or music. PNN Director Brain Past

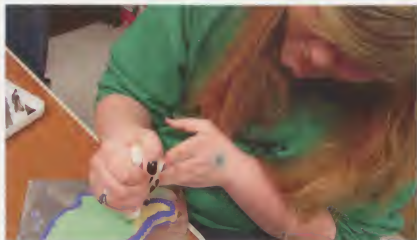


That they can take what they've learned and use it later in their lives. Auto Shop teacher James Johnston



That they can take something they've learned from the class and use it to make something creative and different. Art teacher Sarah Kennedy

In Mrs. Carol Von Behren's Advanced Cake Decorating class, Senior Sara Koepl ices cookies that will be taken to Pierce Middle School. Students visit Pierce each spring to teach eighth graders decorating techniques and to recruit them to take foods classes.




Working under his car in Auto Shop class, Senior Joshua Smithers pulls out a transmission to fix. Smithers has been taking power mechanic classes since his freshman year. "I have been working on cars with my dad since I have been five," said Smithers.



Twenty members of Mrs. Evelyn Steiner's Spanish IV classes enjoy lunch at El Salto, a local restaurant. The students ordered in Spanish and tried a variety of Mexican foods. "This gave them an opportunity to use their Spanish with native speakers," Mrs. Steiner said.





English and math teachers may disagree, but students have found that there's more to academics than reading, writing and arithmetic. Many students delve into the Course Guide published by the Guidance Department each year and find interesting electives.

"I think most students take some classes out of curiosity," art teacher Sarah Kennedy said.

The English Department offers students an opportunity to read teen novels.

"The biggest benefit to taking the Young Adult Novel class is that it allows students to read books that they can really relate to and identify with because the themes of the books are universal," English teacher Mrs. Carrie Bedwell said. "Most students who take the class enjoy reading and discussing novels, which creates a fun classroom atmosphere."

Mrs. Bedwell noted that students read quite a bit in class, and said students have found that they put just as much time and effort into homework for YAN as they do in other English classes.

"There is a misconception that the class is an "easy A", which it is not," she said.

She said she hopes to offer a YAN II class during the 2012-13 school year.

The world languages classes offer students an opportunity to explore the cultures of the world. Each year, Mrs. Evelyn Steiner and Ms. Irene Spiro take their students to Mexican and French restaurants as part of their curriculum.

"They had to order in Spanish and speak Spanish with the waiters. The waiters really enjoyed that and teased the students," Mrs. Steiner said.

Mrs. Steiner has taught both Spanish and French for 24 years at MHS, and she has taken four trips to Spain with students.

"The purpose of the field trip was to expose the students to authentic Mexican food and give them an opportunity to use their Spanish with native speakers," Mrs. Steiner said. "Mexican music was playing the entire time, and there are murals on the walls depicting Mexican history."



## Elective classes

*expand student horizons*



To prepare to write a research paper over issues affecting teens, Sophomore Chardaray Smith reviews her outline for the Young Adult Novels class. "Students read six novels during the trimester, and the research paper topics were present in the books read for the class," English teacher Mrs. Carrie Bedwell said. Sophomores Tracie Martin and Khalil James joined in the term paper discussion.



# Groups



**Adrian Weaver** Well... two days until opening night, everything's coming together GREAT! This feeling makes all the long rehearsals, tears, and stress worth it :)!

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## Wall



Anjelica Peppers

Game tonight... Wrestling meet and game tomorrow. What a nice weekend... Good Luck to my lady pirates & the boys wrestling and basketball team.



Jordan Burton

Go MHS choir great job!



Adrian Weaver

Just got done promoting the heck outta phantom at old Chicago and EVERYBODY was excited about getting a chance to finally see the show or come in to see it again



Allison Varela

Plymouth bound. . . lets go girls



Brandon Oliver

lost 10 to 9, but we got Laporte Thursday at home so come out and support.

PHOTOS ON LEFT: At a basketball game at Crown Point High School, Seniors Brandon Clark, Brandon Smith, Jeremiah Jones and Junior Edward Seay Jr. confer with their coach, Jim East, who retired this year. In May, the Freshman Lecture Hall became a courtroom as Judge Mike Barnes, Chief Judge Margaret Robb and Judge Terry Crone from the Indiana Court of Appeals hear a case regarding the theft of a trademark.



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Students get involved in community activities

Student Government promotes student leadership and helps students become more involved in their school and community.

Projects include an environmental assignment, donating 2,000 canned food items during Thanksgiving to the needy and donating \$800 to Riley Children's Hospital from the Crush can fundraiser. Members also sponsor the Fall Homecoming Spirit Week, Parade, Goofy Games and Dance.



For this year's Angel Tree Project, Senior Brechey White wraps gifts that classes collected for needy kids. "The best part of participating in the Angel Tree is getting all the presents together and making the little kids happy for Christmas," White said.

## Student Government Officers

Michael Knocke, Sponsor

Front row: Osha Brownlee, Kara Walker, Latoya Moore; Back row: Shaquille Cauley, Mr. Knocke, Christopher Huley.



## Student Government

Michael Knocke, Sponsor

Front row: Christopher Huley, Kara Walker, Shaquille Cauley, Osha Brownlee, Latoya Moore; Second row: Rebekkah Kimani, Alexis Traylor, Lauren Carniello, D'Shae Brown, Erin Segrest, Lauren Bistracan, Jasmine Ortiz, Ka'Kisha Daniel, Raven White; Third row: Demetria Downing, Rosalind Pirtle, Maurisha Lord, Angela Hopkins, Julie Ross, Ken Davis, Ankobia Ruth; Back row: Kendrick Williams, Latasha Lee, Christopher Turner, James Wright, Kayla Wiggins, Mr. Knocke.



## Class of 2012

Alan Mizimakoski, Teresa Procter, Sponsors Mansoor Arifee, Lauren Carniello, Spree Lang, Samuel Gubitz.



## Class of 2013

Nick Petralia, Dan Schoon, Sponsors Brianne Baylor, Jibria Ali, Marissa Taylor, Nykia Lewis.



## Class of 2014

Jermece Williamson, Christine Kibler-Wheeler, Sponsors Kiera Shackelford, Kennedy Wilck, Jazmin Garcia.



Preparing for the Blood Drive, Senior Natalie Warren, Junior Sabrina Abrams and Senior Nichole Shearer make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as a snack for those who donate. "The Blood Drive is a wonderful idea. Every one donation can help save three lives," said Abrams. FCCLA also participates in a district conference every winter with schools from surrounding areas.

## *Reaching out to help others*

Family, Community, Career Leaders of America is a community service and leadership development organization. It is designed to build leadership skills and allow community outreach.

This past year, they gave to the elderly during the Christmas and Easter holidays, held two Blood Drives and hosted two dances, the Inclusion Dance for special education students and the Freshman-Sophomore Spring Formal.

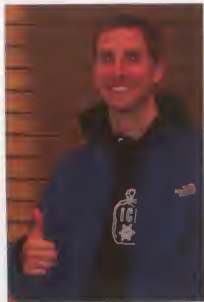


## **Family, Community, Career Leaders of America**

### **Carol Von Behren, Sponsor**

Front row: Lauren Smith, Jasmine Reed, Sherese Hopson, Sabrina Abrams, Ana Bellman, Kimberly Tapper; Second row: Ms. Von Behren, Jasmine Ortiz, Jessica Reed, India Taylor, Raven Smith; Third row: Nichole Shearer, Camille Starks, Christa Flores, Kenshell Whisby Ka'Kisha Daniel; Back row: Latasha Lee, Justyn Adams, Morgan Gunn, Tiffany Lee.

# KEY CLUB



For three years, Nick Petralia has been attending the annual Chili Cook-off. "Every year, there's a lot of good stuff. There's a variety of people with good chili," Petralia said. About 250 people attended, and \$4,300 was raised for the Lupus Foundation.

## Reaching out to the community

Community service programs to help better the community are the focus of Key Club, and they have earned the MHS chapter two international awards for their work. Members have earned the Diamond Honors, which is the highest honor for Key Club. The 20 members have helped to serve food in a local soup kitchen and to read to young children in elementary schools. Two major events sponsored by Key Club, the Kids' Carnival and Chili Cook-off help raise money for donations for charity. In the fall, members raised \$250 each for the Hobart Humane Society and the MHS Unknown Friends fund for students in need. More than \$1,500 was raised by the MHS family for the Lupus Foundation with the Chili Cook-off.

Sophomore Julie Ross sells raffle tickets to math teacher Kira Healy during the annual Kids' Carnival sponsored by Key Club. This year, they raised \$500 for local charities.



## Expression with the help of Permanent Ink

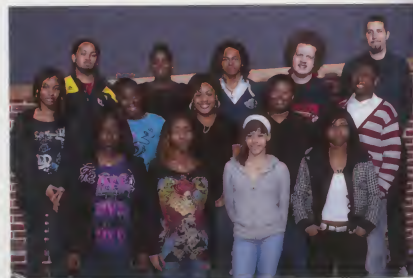
Permanent Ink, the poetry slam team, gives its participants opportunities to express themselves in front of others and learn to handle peer pressure, increase memory skills and make friends.

Student work was "not just written down, but appreciated by friends and family," sponsor Dave Hossler said.

Hossler noted that he enjoys performing and being around creative people.

In its first official year, the Varsity group went to Chicago for the first competition, "Louder Than a Bomb." Permanent Ink was the only new team to advance to the semi-finals.

To prepare, the team meets twice a week.



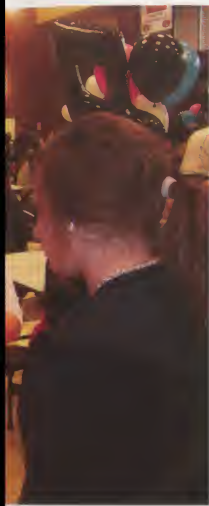
### Permanent Ink

Dave Hossler, Sponsor

Front row: Charleshea Leeks, Che'la McClain, Natasha Poellnitz, Lekisha Patterson; Second row: Alva Wilson, Dojshana Smith-Washington, Samyr Pattaway-Benson, Maurisha Lord, Brandon Neal; Back row: Demetrius Ampan, Taylor Haynes, Trey Vonn Washington, Steven Reed, Mr. Hossler.

# PERMANENT INK





#### Key Club

Carrie Bedwell, Sponsor  
Front row: Hannah Webster,  
Latonya Harrison, Katy Guzek,  
Rachel Humes; Second row:  
Lauren Bistracan, Julie Ross; Back  
row: Elizabeth Long, Ken Davis.



Before going on stage to recite her poem, "Permanent," Senior Natasha Poellnitz takes a few minutes to rehearse. "I like being on the poetry slam team because it feels good to get my words out and be heard," Poellnitz said. Poellnitz presented her poem during the Coffeehouse sponsored by STAND.

#### Supporting diversity through service

Influencing diversity and community service are two of the many purposes of STAND. Members also sponsor the Martin Luther King Day Brunch, mentor students and visit other schools to promote friendship.

Danny Lackey's favorite part of being the adviser is "being in the middle of a heated discussion."

STAND's leaders are Reggie Robinson, director of leadership; Marleen Tirado, director of cultural affairs; Mary Williams, director of activities; Te'Keia Williams, director of school affairs; Jose Gonzalez, director of community service; and BreAnn Pulphus, director of alumni relations.



#### Socially Together and Naturally Diverse

Danny Lackey, Sponsor  
Front row: Brianna Walker, Cameron Boone, BreAnn Pulphus, Kiera Shackelford, Kiara Johnson; Second row: LaShiona Young, Dymond Cooper, Bria Brumfield, Alyssa Ross, Hannah Villarreal, Tia Rucker, Darien King, Susana Tirado, Mary Williams, Jasmine Lijia; Third row: Stephanie Miller, Marleen Tirado, Caitlynn Anderson, Te'Keia Williams, LaVontecia Gist, Cassandra Govert, Avianna Villarreal, Elizabeth Long, Maurisha Lord, Charishea Leeks; Fourth row: Ka'Kisha Daniel, Raya Petty, Jalisa Mosley, Jose Gonzalez, Keith Yockey, Ankobia Ruth, Reginald Robinson, Jeremy Villarreal.

# STAND

# YES



## Young Enriched by Service

Michael Knocke, Sponsor

Front row: Jazmin Jones, Rebekkah Kimani, Erin Segrest, Alyssa Ross, Kara Walker, Brianna Reyes; Second row: Raven White, Demetria Downing, Rosalind Pirtle, LaToya Moore, Angela Hopkins; Third row: Alexx Wright, Christopher Huley, Alva Wilson, Latasha Lee; Back row: Andre' Ross, James Wright, Mr. Knocke.

## Students say 'yes' to YES

YES members are students who are committed to helping and serving their community.

Sponsor Michael Knocke works with the group as they sponsor projects to provide clothing for children in need and for underprivileged men. They have also sponsored the Mitten Tree Project during the holidays and the Rotary Easter Egg Hunt in Crown Point.

Mr. Knocke said the group was started by graduate Cha'ra Eddie and Senior Andre Ross during the 2009-10 school year.

"They needed a sponsor to help keep the group together," Knocke said. "And I thought, what better way to get involved in the community than through this."

YES members meet on Thursdays to discuss future projects as well as fundraisers to raise money in order to help fund research for harmful diseases such as leukemia and cystic fibrosis.

There are 15 members in the club, but they are always looking for new members.



At Stardust Bowl in Merrillville, Superintendent Dr. Tony Lux and English teacher Debra Monix participate in the fifth annual Bowl for Kids sponsored by Future Educators of America. Dr. Lux bowled on Andy Nicksch's team. "We will be able to give out about three scholarships to graduating MHS seniors," FEA sponsor Heidi Dulla said.

## Future educators explore college options

Heidi Dulla, current head of Future Educators of America, explained that the purpose of this club is to "get students to know colleges and get them to want to go to college."

FEA is generally open to any student who wants to go to college or learn more about them.

To join, a student must contact the president of FEA or Dulla.

"This year's club activity is a lot better, running way smoother, and more college visits are being conducted as well as more activities overall," Dulla said.



## Future Educators of America

Heidi Dulla, Sponsor

Front row: Jessica Flores, Marissa Mongold, Brianna Walker; Second row: Christa Flores, Francesca Bricker, Ana Hernandez, Heidi Dulla  
Not pictured: Stephanie Ferrell, Malcolm Pitts, Katelyn Haddaway.

# FEA

## Promoting positive decision-making

"The Candlelight Walk for Red Ribbon Week was very powerful," sponsor Carrie Bedwell said. It had a very influential impact on those who attended. SADD has promoted activities during Red Ribbon Week and held an anti-drinking-and-driving movement around prom. The club promotes positive decision-making throughout the school as well as the community. SADD meets on the second Tuesday of every month.



### Students Against Destructive Decisions

Carrie Bedwell, Sponsor  
Raven Smith, Lauren Smith,  
Denissa Rogers



To raise money for the special needs department, National Honor Society member Senior Lea Neligan (center) asked Seniors Eleny Babilonia and Roy Arambula to participate in the Walk-a-thon in the fall. Members and their friends collected \$1,700 in donations.



### National Honor Society

Patrice Weil, Sponsor

Front row: Aquilla Young, Brianna Walker, Kelli Chavez, Lea Neligan, Kelsey Sajdera, Charity Scollon; Second row: Alyson Austin, Meredith Dobes, Daniella Douglas, Bryce Williams, Francis Dusik, Melanie Ortiz; Third row: Clyde Byrd, III, Joseph Blockson, Samantha Bailey, Ashley Jamerson, Jeremy Villarreal, Mrs. Weil; Back row: Melanee Stubbs, Andre Ross, Kyle Schroeder, Jacob Caddick, Kevin Caruana, Christian Frink, James Wright.

## Service is key for NHS members

Members of the National Honor Society help other organizations, tutor students, help disabled adults and more. NHS students must have a 3.6 GPA, good character, leadership skills and involvement in after-school activities.

Members raised money for Camp Horizon, a camp for disabled adults, and sponsored various fundraising events to help pay for the annual Roots & Wings Dinner for the top 10 seniors.

# Voices of Reason

## Raising voices in song

Singing and more singing. That's what the Voices of Reason members do.

"The mission is to inspire students and everyone around them," Sponsor Ms. Jermece Williamson said.

To be in the group, students must be able to sing and be dedicated to being a member.

Members performed at the annual Martin Luther King Day Brunch sponsored by STAND. They also co-sponsored a fundraiser with YES.

"The fundraiser at Culver's was a great success," Junior Jasmine Jones said. "We partnered with Youth Enriched by Service to raise money for cystic fibrosis. We raised \$200 to go to the foundation."



During a prayer breakfast at First Baptist Church in Gary, Voices of Reason director Ms. Jermece Williamson leads the group in a song. "We sing inspirational music as well as gospel," Junior Jasmine Jones said.

### Voices of Reason

Jermece Williamson, Sponsor  
Front row: Demesha Kelly, Jazmin Jones, Alyssa Ross, Tia Rucker;  
Second row: Megan Wilkerson, Raven White, Waymon Cruse, E'laija Mayo, Ms. Williamson; Back row: Sebastian Arreola, Brandon Wright, Andre' Ross, Raelyn Purham, Samuel Blockson.



## Showcasing students' writing talents

By bringing in over 100 people, the open-mic nights are a huge success for the Society of Student Authors.

SOSA is led by English teacher Mrs. Melissa Sickinger, who started advising the group in 2003. SOSA's goal is to improve creativity in writing for students.

"This club benefits the school because it shows the writing talent of students that many people don't know we have," said Mrs. Sickinger. The group holds monthly meetings and sponsors open-mic nights.

There are 10 student writers in the club, yet Mrs. Sickinger still looks for new members. They meet the first Tuesday of every month.



### Society of Student Authors

Melissa Sickinger, Sponsor  
Front row: Morgan Martin, Heather Mihal, Alva Wilson, BreAnn Pulphus;  
Second row: Mrs. Sickinger, Alyson Austin, Natasha Poellnitz.

# SOSA



# Chess Club



## *Pawn pushers*

Both novices and experienced players meet each week in the Chess Club.

"Playing chess helps them learn analytical techniques, which in some classes is necessary, but a hard concept to teach," Sponsor Mr. Sean Meagher said.

Mr. Meagher formed the club two years ago. "I had students tell me that they were interested in chess," he said. Meagher said playing chess helps students plan and think more effectively about their work. "It allows students to have fun, while learning a game they can play their whole lives," he said.

Two members, Senior Kenjiro Nangin and Sophomore Joshua Haynes, qualified for the state tournament and placed 10th.



*After the tournaments, members still met after school to play chess. Senior Jacob Boyd plays a game with Student Teacher Mr. Brian Harrigan as Mr. Sean Meagher watches.*

### **Chess Club**

Sean Meagher, Sponsor  
Front row: Shannon Thurson, Antoine Gregory Jr, Dennis Dombrowski; Second row: Mr. Meagher, David Rodriguez, Alexander Luna, Nicholas Schuffert; Back row: Joshua Melvin, Corey Weatherspoon, Joshua Nevins-Frey.



## *Debate Team stages a comeback*

First-year teacher Mr. Alan Mizimakoski sponsored the Speech and Debate Team. Members learn to write effectively, complete research, present information and use common courtesy.

"So far, just this year, the four students have become more of a family-like team," Mr. Mizimakoski said.

This growing club had 15 students on the waiting list to join; however, it may not be as easy as it sounds.

"It's definitely worthwhile", said Mr. Mizimakoski.

Speech and Debate members meet twice a week and work for about two hours each meeting.

### **Speech and Debate Team**

Alan Mizimakoski, Sponsor  
Front row: Lauren Harding, Jibria Ali, Nykia Lewis; Back row: Mr. Mizimakoski. Not pictured: Brianne Baylor.

# Debate

# Freshman Mentors



## Freshman Mentors

Christine Kibler-Wheeler, Sponsor

Front row: Alyssa Nymeyer, Lauren Carniello, Kayla Washington, Michael Dicken, Rachel Walton, Jory Cunningham, Tianna Williams, Mia Patikas, Inesha Smith, Hannah Webster, Caitlynn Anderson, Jalisa Mosley, Aurielle Carson, Teannah Taylor, Jeremiah Jones; Second row: Kalie Domikatis, Ana Adame, Taylor Carter, Te'Keia Williams, Brechey White, Jazmin Jones, MacKenzie Milton, Amanda Banashak, Lauren Blackwell, Alexis Traylor, Brei Murphy, Donneisha Owens, Kourtney Berry; Third row: Raven Saavedra, Katelynn Sobieski, Myriam Sanchez, April Bailey, Melissa Eggleston, Kayla Greene, Alyssa Ross, Robin Williamson, Taylor Worrell, Andre Ross; Fourth row: Kelli Chavez, Shaunice Holbrook, Christian Frink, Melanee Stubbs, Melanie Ortiz, Latasha Lee, David Jordan, Kelsey Washburn, Kelsey Sajdera, Mrs. Wheeler, Reginald Robinson Jr., James Wright, Tia Rucker, Arlen Sims; Fifth row: Malik Muhammad, Ashley Jamerson, Charles Smith, Alejandra Mata, Leticia Ontiveros, Candice Lambert, Lauren Lambert, Ashley Williams, Hirut Crawford-Taylor, Ka'kisha Daniel, Jeremy Graham; Sixth row: Leonard Mathews II, Kimberly Tapper, LaVontecia Gist, Darien King, Chelsea Ellis, Myeasha Brown, Robert Robinson, Denzel Pierce, Megan Dicken, Alexandra Domoras, Raya Petty, Taylor Smith; Seventh row: Rebekka Kimani, Andrew King, Elbryn Goode, Tyler Kepchar, Julius Cameron, Jonathan Floyd, Christopher Huley, Victoria Verdusco, Ana Bellman, Terry Taylor; Back row: Allyiah Williams, Jasmine Washington, Taishe Abrams, Loren O'Neal, Michael Gills, Darryl Peppers, Brian Walker, Rodney Trigg II.

## Mentors help freshmen get off to good start

The purpose of having Freshman Mentors is to make sure that all freshmen are provided with the necessary information that can help them be successful throughout their high school careers.

"Our mission is to make sure that all freshmen get off to a good start with high school so they can be successful students," Sponsor Mrs. Christine Wheeler said.

First, the mentors are interviewed, and once chosen, they must attend a summer camp

where they are trained to be a mentor.

After the summer training, the mentors are also trained in leading the freshman seminars. During these seminars, the mentors and freshmen discuss a variety of topics, such as getting involved in school and activities, being able to resolve conflict successfully and calculating GPA.

The highlights of the year were the tailgate at the beginning of the year and the Freshman Celebration at the end of the year.



## Peer Helpers

Grace DeWald, Sponsor  
Latasha Lee, Stephanie Miller.

## Helping others through talk, action

With a group of 36 members, the Peer Helpers have a mission to show students how to help others through conversations, actions and follow-up.

Guidance counselor Ms. Grace DeWald is the sponsor.

Meetings are more individual than as a group. During most school days, some of the Peer Helpers meet with Ms. DeWald, but, as a group, they meet weekly.

# Peer Helpers

## MPAC unites team leaders

To promote leadership among players and fans and to enhance the leadership skills of its members are the goals of the Merrillville Pirate Athletic Council.

Each of the 21 sports teams is represented by two team members.

MPAC members participated in the Homecoming parade and read sportsmanship promotions before the home basketball games.

This year, after a record number of students attended the Fall Homecoming dance, MPAC sponsored Winter Homecoming events.

Each class chose a queen or princess, and the boys' basketball team chose Senior Jeremiah Jones as Mr. Basketball. The week ended with a dance in the Hall of Flags.

At a home basketball game, Junior Megan Dicken and Senior Valerie Bly give a speech about the importance of sportsmanship. Athletic director Janice Qualizza requires that every MPAC member give a speech about sportsmanship and respect toward the players, coaches and officials before every boys' and girls' basketball game. "The speech is important to me because I do believe people should have good sportsmanship and etiquette," Dicken said.



### Merrillville Pirate Athletic Council

Janis Qualizza, Sponsor

Front row: Katelynn Usher, Lauren Carnielli, Kelsey Sajdera, Brechey White, Victoria Collins, Valerie Bly; Second row: Arlen Sims, Mansoor Arifee, Kaitlyn Phillips, Francis Dusik, Brandon Shea, Darren Blaylock; Third row: Jeanette Burbage, Peter Berlanga, Melanie Stubbs, Taishea Abrams, Ashley Jamerson, Natieka Mathews; Back row: Jacob Caddick, Denzel Pierce, Payton Parker, Kourtney Berry, Caleb Pirtle, John Mosley.



### Peer Mediation

Veronica Maldonado, Sponsor

Front row: Mrs. Maldonado, Brianna Walker, Rashonda Brooks; Second row: Melanie Ortiz, Davonna Witherspoon, Raven Smith, Lauren Blackwell; Back row: Hannah Webster, Melanie Stubbs, Christian Frink, Aurielle Carson.

## Helping solve disputes peacefully

Peer Mediation is a service club based on "helping other students solve their own problems in a mature and respectful manner," said Sponsor Mrs. Veronica Maldonado.

Each mediator goes through special training that teaches different problem-solving techniques.

During training, every mediator is also trained in what to do when problems are too big for students to handle.

The goal is to get students to work out problems without getting administrators involved. Students fill out request forms for mediations, and after both sides agree to work out their issue, the mediator is called.



# Drama Club Thespians

To prepare for the May presentation of "It's Not You, It's Me," Senior Deanna Scott rehearses lines with Senior Roy Arambula. The play, which deals with high school relationships and break ups, is "really funny, and there are a lot of good lines," Scott said. Scott said she loves acting. "I get credit for a class, and I'm able to do something I enjoy," Scott said.

In the Theatre Production class, Junior Jasmine Washington and Senior director Russel Cole II show their approval for an act from "It's Not You, It's Me." Cole said five years of acting experience allows him to be a better director. "The most challenging aspect of directing is getting people to respect your opinion," he said. Cole prefers to direct because he gets to sit back and "actually see the show."



## Thespian Troupe #1692

Steve Elser, Director

Front row: Megan Austin, Kaitlin Grzybowski, Samantha Balash, Sarah Dora, Josalyn Rivera, Mya Mayfield, Taylor Carter, Marissa Novak; Second row: Hannah Bailey, LaVontecia Gist, Heather Mihal, Alyson Austin, Deanna Scott, Lea Neligan, Mariah Trigg, Gloria Graham; Third row: Erika Erskine, Russell Cole II, Brandon Shea, William Akins III, Imani Shelby, Roy Arambula, Victor Rios; Back row: Joshua Melvin, Richard Smith, Kayla Greene, Elizabeth Whelan, Travante' Cooper, Mr. Elser. Not pictured: Kathleen Murphy, Shaina Pullum, Christian Frink.



## Drama Club

Steve Elser, Director

Front row: Thomas Novak Jr, Kaitlin Grzybowski, Samantha Balash, Sarah Dora, Josalyn Rivera, Mya Mayfield, Taylor Carter, Marissa Novak; Second row: Erika Erskine, Raven Smith, LaVontecia Gist, Heather Mihal, Alyson Austin, Deanna Scott, Lea Neligan, Mariah Trigg, Gloria Graham; Third row: Megan Austin, Russell Cole II, Brandon Shea, William Akins III, Hollyann Erskine, Imani Shelby, Roy Arambula, Victor Rios; Back row: Joshua Melvin, Richard Smith, Kevin Caruana, Kayla Greene, John Irak IV, Elizabeth Whelan, Travante' Cooper, Mr. Elser. Not pictured: Kathleen Murphy, Shaina Pullum, Hannah Graham, Christian Frink.





# Choirs



## Advanced Choir

Melinda Reinhart, Director  
 Front row: Taylor Carter, Sarah Barnard, Matthew Fayson, Jurrae' Jones, Payton Parker, Adrian Weaver, Stormie Schilling, Shaunice Holbrook; Second row: Brechey White, Kandice Nicholson, Chardonnay Balkcom, Russell Cole II, Alex Wright, Jamaal Jackson, Victor Rios, Mary Williams, Tianna Williams; Third row: Mariah Trigg, Dakota Pitts, Stephanie Barnard, Adonis Smith, Erik White, Bryanna Pope, Tia Rucker, Shy'Orla Tolbert; Back row: Elizabeth Whelan, Erika Erskine, Jaleesa Holmes, Patricia Spikes, Caitlynn Anderson, Melody Harris.



## Intermediate Choir

Melinda Reinhart, Director  
 Front row: Kierstyn Hartlerode, Salena Pena, Micah Thornton, Kayla Tyson, Andrea Reed, Dana Collins, Jazmin Jones; Second row: Roben Ward, Bria Brumfield, Charity Scollon, Rai Pearson, Che'la McClain, Charlisha Leeks, Zhanique Hudson, Emily Rocha, Taliana Ruiz; Third row: Jasmine Johnson, Brianna Fofinos, Victoria Collins, Aaliyah Harmon, Ashanti Gray, Antionique Rooks, Hannah Bailey, Carlyn Jones, Arrisa Allen, Daryl Toneff; Fourth row: Elizabeth Long, Dionna Witherspoon, Breeana Adeniyi, Mallory Parker, Christina Davies, Dominique Decurla, Tia Harris, Jayla Haymes; Back row: Devon Reed, Rodney Trigg II, Cornell Tucker III, Dayshon Rainey, Khari Reed, Steven Mcgee, Lenzie Wilkins.



## Beginning Choir

Melinda Reinhart, Director  
 Front row: Jasmine Johnson, Vanessa Harwood, Demesha Kelly, Rebekah Mongold, Sebastian Arceola, Waymon Cruse, Tony Carter, Daisy Davis, Brittany Williams, Ashley Williams, ShaVonne Nelson; Second row: Kiera Shackelford, Shawnay Lardyell, Jocelyn Recio, Napri Fondren, William Akins III, Derek Bailey, Willa Earwin, Romona Dillon, Tyshay Doss, Brittany Edmond; Third row: Shelby Holden, Angelica Erskine, Aliza Crawford, Jacob Butler, Alexander Lopez, Cassandra Govert, Christian Garza, Rena' Petty; Back row: Hollyann Erskine, Keyandra Edwards, Janelle Taylor, Domynek Johnson, Valencia Smith, Diana Vargas.

# World Language Clubs

## Not just dreaming about France

For some people, the wish of visiting France is just a dream. For others, like those in the French Club, it may still be a dream, but they work on learning the culture and language at their meetings.

Students in French classes or who have an interest in the French culture are welcome to participate in the French Club and its activities.

During their meetings, they also plan other activities related to the French culture.

"Every year, we visit and dine at a local French restaurant, Cafe Fondue," French teacher and sponsor Ms. Irene Spiro said. Students try to meet at least once a month.

"The highlight of this year would be when the language clubs got together and danced," Ms. Spiro said.



### French Club

Irene Spiro, Sponsor  
Front row: Marissa Novak, Mya Mayfield, Amanda Currier, Belia Mercado; Second row: Rebecca Broom, Brittany Thurson, Alyson Austin, Heather Mihal, Victoria Collins; Back row: Erika Erskine, William Akins III, Zachary Fles, Ms. Spiro.

## Celebrating Spanish culture

Promoting and celebrating the Hispanic culture is the purpose of the Spanish Club. Although Sponsor Mrs. Esmeralda Palmerin-Zamora has been working in Merrillville for three years, she has been advising the Spanish Club for only one year.

Approximately 15 members are in the club, and they continue to promote growth within the club.

The club takes a yearly field

trip to a local Mexican restaurant.

"This year, I took the club to a Mexican restaurant closer to Merrillville to provide a closer transportation," Mrs. Palmerin-Zamora said.

The Spanish Club got together with the French and German Clubs to share the foods and music of the different cultures. The club makes Hispanic students feel more comfortable and confident about their culture.



### Building Trades

Bob Mackovay, Sponsor  
Front row: Darren Bryant Jr., Queonte Wilson, Christopher Mabone; Second row: Mr. Mackovay, Thomas Sears; Back row: Michal Perry, Michael Whelan.



### Spanish Club

Esmeralda Palmerin-Zamora, Sponsor  
Front row: Sara Hernandez, Mrs. Palmerin-Zamora, Christian Garza; Back row: Kyle Jones, Juan Arellano, Archibald Amitoleau.

# Building Trades

# Mock Trial



## Mock Trial

Sharon Row, Sponsor

Front row: Latoya Moore, Demetria Downing, Osha Brownlee, Arlen Sims; Second row: Christian Frink, Rebekkah Kimani, Mrs. Row; Back row: James Wright, Michael Anderson. Not pictured: Robin Williamson.

In the Hammond Federal Court House, members of the Mock Trial team await results of the February 2011 Regional Competition. In this year's regional, members argued a defamation case involving bed bugs.

## Students make their own courtroom drama

There's really nothing mock about the Mock Trial team. Members play the roles of both defendants and prosecutors as they present their case before a real judge who decides if the team wins or loses.

"The team has to play the roles of attorney and witness and they have to be prepared to defend or prosecute, depending on the luck of the draw," Sponsor Mrs. Sharon Row said.

"Judges have said that we are actually better than real attorneys in real life," Mrs. Row said.

In its debut last year, the team was fifth in the region, "the highest any first-year team had ever done," Mrs. Row said.

This year's team did not advance beyond the regional competition.

"The members are very special, hard workers. They think outside the box and they are remarkable students," Mrs. Row said.



## Aktion Club

Mrs. Barb Dlouhy, Sponsor

Front row: Kirstyn Oliver, Ashley Reynolds, Amon Searcy, Laura Kennedy; Back row: Carlton Murrell III, Benjamin Banks, Mrs. Dlouhy.

## Service is key to pride

Mrs. Barb Dlouhy, current advisor of the Aktion Club, has worked with her club members in helping Meals on Wheels, a program that delivers meals to the homes of senior citizens, at spaghetti dinners and the annual Chili Cook-off. Members also collect coins found around the school and donate the money to a local food bank.

The club is a division of Kiwanis Service Organization, a program that helps disabled young adults participate in community service. Club activities include helping the technology department, counting the school's

newspapers and volunteering at the local food banks. Members collect soda can tabs and recycle them for money. The funds are donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Charity.

"Community service is important and should be available for all people. It also shows what handicapped people can do," Mrs. Dlouhy said. The club benefits students by helping to improve job, social and vocal skills.

The Aktion Club meets once a month. Dlouhy has been the advisor of this club for five years. There is a total of ten members. "Anybody can do service learning and learn for it and gain pride," Dlouhy said.

# Aktion Club



# Band

## Advanced Band

Mark Danielson, Director

Front row: Mya Mayfield, Gloria Graham, Kelli Chavez, Sarah Dora, Hannah Graham, Mikaila Lomax, Ashley Ahlborn, Gabrielle Bell, Alyssa Ross, Second row: Mr. Danielson, Freedom Johnson, Kathleen Murphy, Jessica Flores, Christa Flores, Miranda Vega, Daniela Douglas, Cymburleah Hayes, Eugene Rogers, Alejandro Serrano; Third row: Christian Frink, Carly Larson, Joseph Patton, Nakel McClinton, Jasmine Ervin, Samantha Bailey, Charles Smith, Jacob Swierc, Jacob Styx, Joseph Brady, George Pappimhalakis; Back row: Christian Brunski, Autry Phillips, Tyler Shockey, Terrence Yon, Randall Bulterna Jr., Jordan Diaz, Tyler Scheive, Joseph Drapeau, Alex Swierc, Corey Weatherspoon, Rashid Dika. Not pictured: Austin Jamerson, Daniel Lipp.



## Intermediate Band

Mark Danielson, Director

Front row: Tanejah Smith, Charis Burgstahler, Darius Dabadee, Eric Slade, Charizma Jackson, Gregory Williams; Second row: Malcolm Hindman, Bradley Brayfield, Noah Foster, Kevin Woodfork; Third row: Thomas McFarland, Travante' Cooper, Timothy Shelton Jr., James Roberts, Mr. Danielson; Back row: Dante Mister, Kevin Semmes Jr., Adam Sherwinski



## Jazz Band

Mark Danielson, Director

Front row: Sarah Dora, Ashley Ahlborn, Mya Mayfield, Malcolm Pitts, Colin Evans, Kalie Domikaitis; Second row: Jessica Flores, Christa Flores, Cymburleah Hayes, Joseph Patton, Mr. Danielson; Third row: Eugene Rogers, Dame' Bell, Malcolm Hindman, Katelyn Haddaway, Cory Weatherspoon; Back row: Jacob Swierc, Jose Medina, Samantha Bailey, Randall Bulterna Jr., Terrence Yon, Travante' Cooper. Not Pictured: Ashley Jamerson.

## Beginning Band

Mark Danielson, Director

Front row: Lindsay Moto, Malcom Pitts, Michael Bailey, Colin Evans, Gabriela Tapia, Adrienne Marquez, Rachel Scollett; Second row: Breyanna Turner, Nicholas Hayes, Steven Stout, Alondria Shufford, Brittany Ervin, Kelsey Ahlborn, Amaretta Hudson, Selena Seiber, Alexander Dailey; Third row: Janell King, Isabella Stevens, Ana Hernandez, Tatianna Gaona, Hannah Dixon, Emmanuel Brisenno, Billy Fields III, Keon Gibson, Denzel Young, Maniah Lewis; Forth row: Dame' Bell, Martiana Varnado, Karlos Pacheco, Katelyn Haddaway, Jose Medina, Luke Ratley; Back row: Ronell King, Aaron Sanders, Alya Shelton, Samuel Blockson, David McKinsey, Mr. Danielson. Not pictured: Marquise Horton.





# Orchestra



## Advanced Orchestra

John Bradford, Director

Front row: Khari Coker, Allison Gronli, Inesha Smith, Allyiah Williams, Jessica Vasquez, Stephanie Husek, Tanya Riveron, Mr. Bradford; Second row: Brianna DeCausemaker, Lauren Kiser, Rebekkah Kimani, Corina Vazquez, Morgan Lamb, Lacey Richards, Brooke Wilson, Alyssa Nymeyer, Kara Phillips, Emma Harper, Lauren Camiello, Nikko Sadural; Back row: Kalle Domikaitis, Kaitlyn Sweeney, Kaelin Sanchez, Erica Homeier, Brandi McSwain, Angela Reynolds, Alex Murga, Cameron Grundy, Michael Rhoades, Paul Crowley, Daniel Tarulis, Mathew Harms, Pauline Panayi, Brittney Bass, Jhoey Sadural, Caleb Sanchez, Jose Rodriguez, Nichole McFarland. Not pictured: LaTonya Harrison, Avery Sameshima



## Intermediate Orchestra

John Bradford, Director

Front row: DeShay Vinson, Natieka Mathews, Alejandro Jara, Andrea Mathis, Anthony Chamberlain, Sheridan Parker, Mackenzie Pearson; Second row: Kelli Wright, Lauren Williams, D'Shae Brown, Kourtney Woods, Jasmine Gruchmal, Mr. Bradford; Third row: Lauren Blackwell, Shannon Harris, JeanPierre Cardenas, Dylan Crane, Aerielly Peterson, Briana Walker, Violet Lipscomb, Rachel Baran, Erin Weiss; Fourth row: William Perry, Briana Higareda, Leslee McSwain, Mia Patikas, Nathan Rodriguez, Aurielle Powell, Jessica Mireles, Natalia Ooms; Back row: Antonio Gomez, Otavi Locke, Michael Chabes, Jasmine Washington, Brandy Blackmon, Zachary Goralczyk, David Jordan, Lauren Harding, Tom Hagan III.



## Beginning Orchestra

John Bradford, Director

Front row: Damian DiGangi, Eduardo Yanez Jr, Darius Marteen, Angel DeLa Cruz, John Irak; Second row: Dorothy Williams, Naemah White, Tomeria Marshall, Jameelah Rasheed, Shequida Dillard, Mr. Bradford, Victoria Miller; Third row: Tamera Julkes, Imani Smith, Melanie Atria, Krysta Thomas, Elizabeth Nino, Kayla Sadural; Back row: Marcus Bass, Caitlinn Caddick, Khayla Reid, Myranda Harris, Makayla Webster, Megan Wilkerson, Conor Shea, Alexis Deter, Brandon Bass.



As the minutes count down to broadcast time, Adviser Brian Past deals with last-minute microphone issues. Seconds before Junior April Bailey started to read the news, Past had to replace batteries in her microphone.



## Pirate News Network

Brian Past, Adviser  
 Josh Harvoth, Assistant  
 Front row: Eleni Kazonis, Tyler Shilling, Rachel Walton; Second row: Belia Mercado, Aurielle Carson, Emma Bice, Bianca Clark, Rosalyn Baker; Third row: Jerel Cole, Christopher Huley, Adam Serwacki, Mr. Harvoth; Back row: Mr. Past, Ian Stacks, Robert Robinson, Daniel Jankuloski.



## Bringing the news to MHS



Before the Morning Show is presented to students, Junior Morgan Walton creates graphics showing the birthdays and menu for the day. Mr. Josh Harvoth, who joined the PNN staff as an assistant, keeps the students on schedule. Harvoth was the 2002 Most Valuable Staffer for PNN.



On the sound board, Junior Paris Courtney tests the microphones before the morning broadcast goes live. Courtney helped present the morning news during the second and third trimester.

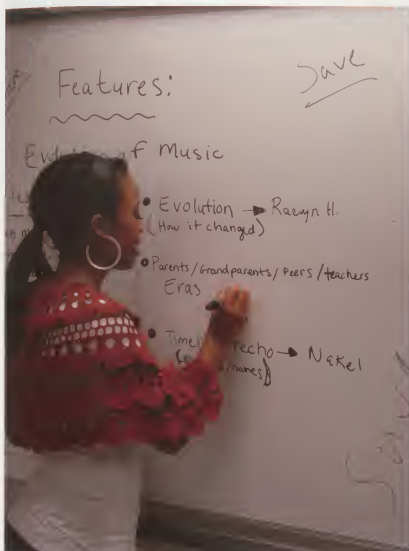
## What's going on, Merrillville?

Students and staff alike look to PNN as a source of information about school events and activities.

"PNN gives students a creative outlet by filming and producing news segments and music videos," adviser Mr. Brian Past said.

PNN members host the morning news show daily and The Friday Show at the end of each week.

The Friday Show includes news segments about sports teachers and school related events. It also contains skits about everyday life meant to entertain the audience.



A two-year newspaper veteran, Senior Raevyn Harper outlines her plans for the features section. As Features Editor, Harper generates new themes for the feature spread every issue that will create interest among students and teachers and give the school something to talk about. Harper also creates original layouts for the feature pages to display the staff's stories and catch the attention of readers.



To prepare for the next issue, Seniors Aly Austin and Meredith Dobs and Sophomore Francesca Bricker discuss story ideas.

## Writing with a purpose

Every year, the student body at MHS looks to *The Mirror* to discuss in-school as well as out-of-school topics. This year was no different.

The experienced staff filled the shoes of the graduating seniors from the Class of 2010 and "hit the ground running."

"The senior leadership was tremendous. They made the transition from last year so easy, and we had plenty of senior support," newspaper adviser Mrs. Teresa Procter said. Returning editors were Seniors Alyson Austin, Meredith Dobs, Raevyn Harper, Jimmy Wright and Patricia Zimmerman.

Newspaper is a complete production class. Students interview sources and report the news by writing and editing stories. Each issue they also take pictures and design pages.



### Newspaper

Teresa Procter, Adviser

Front row: Raevyn Harper, Raven

Smith, Taylor Smith, BreAnn

Pulphus, Aly Austin; Second row:

Francesca Bricker, Megan Vinson,

Patti Zimmerman, Samuel Gubitzi;

Third row: Meredith Dobs, Carley

Laughhead, Nakel McClinton; Back

row: Victor Chambliss, Dayna

Young, James Wright.

# NEWSPAPER



Coming off of a successful season, the 2010 football team was ready to continue where they left off.

"I expected to win and beat every team by a whole bunch of points," Senior Matthew Neal said.

Confidence was not something the team lacked this year. With many open spots after the Class of 2010 graduated, juniors were expected to step up.

"If I didn't step up, I would have lost my position. I did it for my team, too," Junior Michael Nickson said.

"Being an upperclassman makes me be a leader. Last year's seniors were good leaders. They brought underclassmen under their wings and showed them what being a Pirate was all about," Junior Ian Stacks said.

Being a young team did not faze the Pirates as they went on for an

8-3 season. The young offensive line stepped up and helped in defeating seven of the eight Duneland Athletic Conference teams, with the only DAC loss to Valparaiso.

Late wins and high scoring games became common, with a 51-point difference against Michigan City (68-17), and a 45-point difference against Lake Central (68-23) in the regular season.

The seniors hope that all the young boys learn valuable skills and lessons this year.

"Keep working hard and find a way to win. Whether it be play by play in the game, or in life because we are young men and football teaches us life lessons," Senior Zachary Raspopovich said.

The Pirates finished their season 8-3.

## Big heart and determination



*Jacob Raspopovich*  
*Wide Receiver (9)*  
*Sophomore*

"It's cool to have your brother play with you and throw you the ball," Sophomore Jacob Raspopovich said. "Sometimes we fight, but it's cool and a lot of fun."

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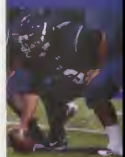


With a victory seconds away, running back Senior Denzel Pierce scores a touchdown against Andean. "I was pleased with the outcome of the Andean game," Pierce said.

Standouts



**MVP**  
*Denzel Pierce*



**MVP O-line**  
*Robert Robinson*



**Mr. Zip**  
*Carlos Dickerson*



**leadership**  
*Payton Parker*



**MVP D-skill**  
*Jory Cunningham*



**most improved**  
*Anton Redmon*



**MVP D-line**  
*Matthew Neal*



**MVP O-skill**  
*Zachary Raspopovich*



**sportsmanship**  
*Kourtney Berry*





Before each game, defensive backs Junior William Isabell (15) and Senior Jory Cunningham (26) jump and touch shoulders. "It's hard work trying to battle football and school, but I just try to focus on the task at hand," Cunningham said. "I wear these black socks that I've worn since the eighth grade. Every time I wear them, I do good," Isabell said.



Punting the ball during the Andread game, Senior quarterback Zach Raspovich (6) kicks the ball toward the endzone. "Most of my time goes to being a quarterback, but when I have time, I go to the sideline and practice kicking. Being a punter, you have to be in a whole different mindset. It's hard to be a punter. People overlook being a punter and it's a lot more difficult than people think. It's not easy," Raspovich said.

At the season's home opener against Andread, head coach Zac Wells celebrates after a touchdown. "After a win, I'm happy, especially if we played to our potential," Wells said.



Coming off of a block, Senior defensive end Lachapelle Bradley (95) looks to sack Crown Point's quarterback. "During the game, I try to break down the plays in my head and remember my keys," Bradley said. After high school Bradley plans to go to college and continue playing football.

## The Score

### Opponent

Warren Central	49 - 14 L
Andread	27 - 13 W
Crown Point	24 - 21 W
Portage	35 - 27 W
Michigan City	68 - 17 W
LaPorte	42 - 41 W
Valparaiso	34 - 21 L
Lake Central	62 - 23 W
Chesterton	32 - 29 W
Sectional	<b>W- 8 L- 3</b> 48 - 27 W
	20 - 14 L

When you're a defensive line coach, you have to watch a lot more film because you have to know what the offensive line is doing. I feel more comfortable coaching defensive line because I was a lineman and I like to get dirty.

Coach Jacob Stafford



# The Score

## Opponent

Griffith	3 - 1 W
Lowell	1 - 3 L
LaPorte Tourney	6th place
Calumet Christian	0 - 3 L
Andrean	0 - 3 L
Crown Point	0 - 3 L
Lake Central	0 - 3 L
Chesterton	0 - 3 L
Kankakee Valley Classic	6th place
Valparaiso	0 - 3 L
LaPorte	0 - 3 L
Michigan City	3 - 2 W
Portage	3 - 2 W
Crown Point	3 - 2 L
Crown Point Varsity Tourney	8th place
Chesterton	0 - 3 L
Valparaiso	0 - 3 L
Bishop Noll	1 - 3 L
LaPorte	0 - 3 L
Michigan City	0 - 3 L
Portage	2 - 3 L
Sectional	0 - 3 L

W - 3 L - 16

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*"I would like to play in college. Freshman Selenia Diaz*



*Aiming for the ball, right hitter Senior Kayla Wiggins (12) attempts to hit the ball over the net. Living by the team motto, "Do your own job," Wiggins said she strives to do her best during her senior year.*



*Before each game, the girls on the volleyball team share strategies on how to defeat their opponents. "I try to think about what the coaches said and how to keep the team up during the hard times," outside hitter Mackenzie Milon (1) said.*



*As a middle hitter, Senior Ashley Jamerson (6) is under a lot of pressure in her leadership role. "I think I'm under a lot of pressure as a player and a leader," Jamerson said. Right hitter Senior Kayla Wiggins (12) said she has also taken the role as a leader as she pushes her teammates to be more aggressive.*



### Varsity Volleyball

*Coach Luke Starkey*

*Front row: Inesha Smith, Jessica Vasquez, Selenia Diaz, Myranda Harris, Jessica Martin, LaQuana Carpenter; Back row: Coach Starkey, Amanda Banashak, Ashley Jamerson, Kayla Wiggins, MacKenzie Milon, Megan Dicken, Assistant Coach Heidi Dulla.*

## Standouts



**leadership**  
LaQuana Carpenter



**MVP**  
Megan Dicken



**sportsmanship**  
Jessica Martin



**most improved**  
Myranda Harris

The goal for this volleyball season was improvement.

"The records might not show it, but there has been a lot of progress this season," first time assistant coach Heidi Dulla said.

With freshmen on the varsity team and fresh talent coming in for future seasons, the girls are optimistic.

"We just want to improve all aspects of the game," Junior defensive hitter Amanda Banashak said. With a new coaching staff to create some new techniques, the girls have a better outlook on the game.

"We trusted the coaches, we trusted each other and we trusted ourselves,

and that helped a lot," Senior Kayla Wiggins said.

The team really tried to bond over the summer before the season by going to the beach and making T-shirts.

The seniors said they are proud of improvement, the juniors and sophomores are excited for next year and the freshmen are just excited to be a part of the experience.

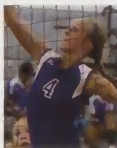
Some ideas for the improvement process include cranking up the intensity and playing games for more than just the thrill.

"We don't want to play just to play," Junior libero Inesha Smith said. "We want to play to win."

## Killing the competition



Making sure they succeed, Coach Heidi Dulla wants the girls to focus on winning. "When you have the ball, you have control of the game," Dulla said.



Megan Dicken  
Front row middle hitter  
Junior

"My hair has to be the same, and I have to wear the same socks."

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### JV Volleyball

Coach Jane Warren

Front row: Elizabeth Nino, Selena Diaz, Brittany Mulligan, Yvon Anguiano, Tyler Person, Jessica Vasquez, Ashley Hansbury; Back Row: Andrea Mathis, Jada Jones, Julie Ross, Coach Warren, Mia Patikas, Patricia Spikes, Lauren Harding.



### Freshman Volleyball

Coach Christina Gehlhausen

Front row: Felicia Martinez, Jordan Smith, Jacqueline DeLeon, Naemah White, Ja'Kwanna Biffie; Back row: Britney Platts, Brianna Scott, Coach Gehlhausen, Briana Scott, Khayla Reid.



"Remaining positive and continuing to play hard," Head Coach Brian Past said. "Those are two of the most important factors when playing on a team."

Despite the losing season, the boys stayed positive and went to sectionals, winning the first round against Griffith.

The team completed their season and finished with an overall record of 4-15.

The team shared their thoughts on the season, focusing on the memories and good times they had with each other.

"It was a good season, though it could've been better. But we gave 110 percent every game," Senior James Ooms said. "When we were on the soccer field, nothing else mattered. We were just focused," Ooms said.

"My most memorable moment would have to be going to soccer camp with the team during the summer," Junior Emmanuel Calvillo said.

Some players also saw a lot of improvement in themselves and other teammates.

"We didn't win the whole season, but at the end of the day, the best thing is seeing that the players improved and then knowing they've improved," Past said.

Although the boys' soccer team is losing a lot of seniors, the team still has a lot of goals for next season.

"It's going to be a difficult season because of all the seniors leaving, but we'll go in with a good attitude," Past said.

## Kicks and leadership



*Emilio Hernandez*  
Midfielder  
Sophomore

"I expected to be the best this year."

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During a game against Michigan City Senior midfielder James Ooms (18) goes to kick the ball.

### Standouts



*leadership*  
Anthony Angotti



*sportsmanship*  
Christopher Stojanovski



*most improved*  
Jurrae Jones



*MVP*  
James Ooms



#### Varsity Boys' Soccer

Coach Brian Past

Front row: Kenjiro Nanjin, Luis Sanchez, Christopher Stojanovski, Bryan Uruzquieta, Anthony Angotti; Second row: Miguel Lagunas, Emilio Hernandez, Keith Yockey, Kyle Jones, Nick Enghofer, Abraham Garcia, Brandon Uruzquieta; Back row: Assistant Coach Brad Daniel, Peter Berlanga, James Ooms, Coach Past, Austin Jamerson, Messay Crawford-Taylor, Assistant Coach Rick Hurey.



#### Boys' JV Soccer

Coach Rick Hurey

Front row: Anthony Ortiz, Alex Begala, Gabriel Carbajal, Jorge Gutierrez, Jordan Diaz, Jacob Pardue; Second row: Eduardo Yanez, Alex Mojica, Jalen Foster, Jacob Styx, Alex Murge, Ryan Sojo; Back row: Coach Brad Daniel, Jacob Carey, Francisco Barrera, Coach Brian Past, Corey Johnson, Michael Chabes, Coach Hurey.





In full concentration, Junior defender Abraham Garcia (3) kicks the ball down the field during a game against Hobart. Garcia is looking forward to next season. "As long as we train harder for pre-season, we'll be good," Garcia said.



Senior forward Bryan Uruzquieta (7) tries to take out Hobart Senior Carmen Monchilovich. "I would have played harder and focused more on the game," Uruzquieta said when asked about his performance this season.



Returning the ball in a game against Michigan City is Senior goalie Christopher Stojanovski (GK). Stojanovski has been playing soccer for four years. This was his first year on Varsity. Stojanovski said he was proud to play Varsity. "I would have made the team play harder," Stojanovski said. Stojanovski also believes that communication is key to any game.

## The Score

### Opponent

Andreon	3 - 0 L
LaPorte	3 - 1 L
Kankakee Valley	2 - 1 W
Chesterton	3 - 1 L
Hoosier Cup Invitational	2011
Bishop Chatard	3 - 1 W
Jasper	2 - 0 L
Columbus North	1 - 0 L
Valparaiso	3 - 0 L
Munster	5 - 2 L
Michigan City	4 - 0 L
Hobart	7 - 2 W
Crown Point	3 - 0 L
West Lafayette	1 - 0 L
Lafayette Jefferson	3 - 0 L
Lake Central	5 - 0 L
Fl. Wayne Canterbury	3 - 0 L
Portage	1 - 0 L
Sectional	2 - 0 W
	5 - 2 L

W - 4 L - 15

We prepared, which we were, but we came up short.

Senior defensive midfielder Anthony Angotti



Doing his best to focus on his footwork is Senior defender Messay Crawford-Taylor (23). "Do the best you can for yourself and your teammates. If a teammate plays his heart out, I admire and appreciate that more than winning," Crawford-Taylor said.

# The Score OPPONENT

Andean Jamboree

Wheeler

East Chicago

LaPorte

Highland

Wheeler

Chesterton

Kankakee Valley

Lowell

Valparaiso

Andean

Griffith

Michigan City

Crown Point

Munster

Lake Central

Hobart

Boone Grove

Portage

Sectional

1-0 W

2-0 W

4-1 L

1-0 L

5-1 W

7-0 L

6-0 L

3-0 W

4-0 L

0-0 T

1-0 L

3-1 L

7-1 L

3-1 L

3-0 L

3-0 L

4-2 L

5-1 L

3-0 L

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"I occasionally like to recall my personal goals and do a little prayer before a game. Nothing special. Senior defender Mya Mayfield



Working to win the ball back, Senior midfielder defender Daniella Carbajal (9) looks to pass. As captain this year, Carbajal focused on a variety of bonding activities for the team. "We have pasta parties, bonfires and eat out a lot as a team," said Carbajal.

With victory on her mind, Senior goalie Victoria Verduzco (00) prepares to block the ball against Wheeler. Verduzco believes her efforts can be commended for having one shutout this season though she expected more. She is excited about playing soccer while in the Air Force after graduation



All smiles, Junior defensive midfielder Miranda Stewart (2) celebrates with her teammate Senior Sydney Harold (3). Though excited about playing next year since it will be her senior year, she admitted, "I am a little scared knowing that it is my senior year and I will have to step up my game to be a leader for the girls. I have always looked up to the older girls before me, and now that I am the one that could get looked up to, it puts more pressure on me to do a good job, give advice and help others, like the girls before me did. One has to get close," said Stewart.



In a swinging motion, Senior right defender Jill Ross (8) advances the ball down the field. "Coach started me out as a right defender this year, a position I've never played, but I was really happy about how I took to the position. It widened my perspective on the field," said Ross. Her biggest before-the-game superstition is matching socks. She has to wear a specific pair of mismatched socks, and the night before a game, she paints her nails to match.

## Standouts



**leadership**  
Sydney Harold



**most improved**  
Melissa Costakis



**sportsmanship**  
Jill Ross



**MVP**  
Adrianna Marquez

Improving on last year's record was a major focus for the 2010 girls' soccer team.

"The team has improved a lot last year, and we are hoping to represent the Pirates the best way that we can," forward Sophomore Melissa Costakis said.

"We practice every day except Sunday, so it's very hard for us," defender Sophomore Amy Aponte said.

"Before every game, Coach (Ben) Daniel tells us that he believes in us and we should do the same."

Coach Daniel, now in his third year of coaching girls' soccer, said he is already anticipating next year, when several players will return.

"During the last game, I looked on the field and noticed there are only three

seniors on the team, and I knew that the underclassmen were going to be returning next year," Coach Ben Daniel said.

Expectations are high for next year. "For the girls who consider trying out for the team, try your best and never give up," Costakis said.

Costakis began playing soccer when she was four and stopped before high school. That changed when she entered MHS. "What inspired me to join the team has to be my passion for soccer," she said.

This year, injuries were big. There were several concussions, and many girls had ankle problems.

"Girls got beat up left and right, but they were tough and played through it," Coach Daniel said.

# Committed to their goals



Working to keep the ball from opponents, Senior midfielder Sydney Harold (3) dribbles the ball during the LaPorte game. "Honestly, school first; don't let your grades slip, and then make sure you are working out all year," said Harold.



Natalia Ooms  
Midfielder (13)  
Sophomore

"My brother influences me to play because he's a good soccer player. He teaches me what he knows and he is a leader. I want to follow in his footsteps."

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## Varsity Girls' Soccer

Coach Ben Daniel

Front row: Daniella Carbajal, Amy Aponte, Victoria Verduzco, Erika Valladares, Mya Mayfield; Second row: Adrienne Marquez, Anna Leventis, Lacey Richards, Jill Ross, Miranda Stewart, Melissa Costakis, Kaitlyn Yockey; Back row: Assistant Coach Tammy Deel, Coach Daniel, Brittney Brack, Alexandra Domoras, Morgan Oros, Sydney Harold, Nakel McClinton, Natalia Ooms, Assistant Coach Jason Kendera, Manager Valerie Bly.



## JV Girls' Soccer

Coach Tammy Deel

Front row: Morgan Bonick, Elise Anguiano, Niesha Aaron, Nahkayla Loveless, Selena Robertson, Imani Smith, Shequida Dillard; Second row: Katy Guzek, Alexis Alexander, Danielle Abel, Rachel Humes, Cassandra Govert, Madeline Estrada, Hannah Graham, Amanda Jackson, Amy Aponte; Back row: Coach Deel, Coach Ben Daniel, Sara Hernandez, Jasmine Ervin, Jaleesa Holmes, Alejandra Mata, Kirsten Wiley, Hannah Dixon, Coach Jason Kendera, Manager Valerie Bly.



The boys' cross country team entered the 2010 season with specific goals.

"We want to finish top four at the DAC competition," Coach Michael Hoffman said. There were several returning runners, mostly seniors, from last year.

In October, the team advanced to regionals.

Each runner had a unique way of racing.

"It's all about heart," Freshman Aaron Beshears said. "Thinking makes it hard," he explained.

Senior Kevin Caruana said, "From my worst race to my best race, I've dropped my time by seven minutes."

The girls' team worked with new and experienced members to meet their goals.

"I think it's hard work, but it's worth it. But at the end, you're proud of yourself for doing better than you did," Junior Nichole Anderson said.

The team spent several weeks preparing for races.

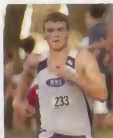
"We have a practice run for ten minutes before the short and long runs," Senior Brechey White said.

At sectionals at Lemon Lake Park in Crown Point, the team accomplished something they had not in ten years. They placed third and advanced as a team to regionals.

Coach Aaron Crawn said he felt there was still more room for improvements.

"I am happy with some of the runners," Coach Crawn said, "but I know others are capable of much more."

## Surpassing the average pace



Kyle Schroeder  
Varsity Cross Country  
runner  
Senior

"Being on the team has given me the best experience of my life, and I would give anything for another four years of running with Mike Hoffman as the coach."

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As part of a family of runners, Senior Kevin Caruana runs at Woodland Park. "I've been running since fourth grade, but I actually joined a team when I was in sixth," Caruana said. Caruana's older brothers, Andrew and Daniel, both ran for MHS.

## Standouts



**MVP**  
Dylan Harrison



**most improved**  
Francis Dusik



**leadership**  
Jacob Caddick



**sportsmanship**  
Kyle Schroeder



**Boys' Cross Country**

Coach Mike Hoffman

Front row: Tyler Gray, Francis Dusik, Kyle Schroeder, John Costakis;  
Second row: Conor Hill, Jacob Caddick, Marcus Jonas, Koray Smith,  
Dylan Harrison, Zack Phillips; Back row: Aaron Beshears, Cordney  
Ellis, Coach Hoffman, Kevin Caruana, Nick Delgado.



**Girls' Cross Country**

Coach Aaron Crawn

Front row: Allison Gronli, Brechey White, Taylor Gaddy, Megan Vinson,  
Cyerra Sims, Emma Collins; Back Row: Assistant Coach Molly Crawn,  
Kara Phillips, Victoria Collins, Maryam Adisa, Nicole Anderson, Anjelica  
Peppers, Coach Crawn.

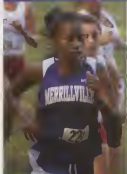


## Standouts



### sportsmanship

Allison Gronli



**MVP /  
leadership**  
Cyerra Sims



**most improved**  
Kara Phillips



While running with a minor injury, Senior Jacob Caddick competes at Woodland Park against Portage. His goal for the 2010 cross country season was to run five kilometers in 15:50 minutes and to advance to state. At the New Prairie Regionals, Caddick finished 35th. Before each meet, Caddick said he kept this in mind to stay motivated: "The fear to go forward simply makes you stay where you are."



Competing against Portage, Sophomore Kara Phillips has one important thought on her mind. "If I don't do my best, then I'll hurt the team," Phillips said. "My goal this year is to make it to regionals individually," Phillips added.

After placing third in semi-state and advancing to the state track meet in the fall of 2009, Senior Dylan Harrison began this season with several goals in mind. Harrison placed 1st at the Crown Point Sectional and Regional, 13th at the semi-state and 114th at the state finals.



Before every meet, first-year runner Sophomore Angelica Peppers remembers to "finish strong and do your best, and don't let anyone run the race for you." "The first-year runner came in 40th at sectionals, running the 5k race in just over 26 minutes.

## The Score Opponent

### Boys

Gavit Invitational  
Portage  
Tri-Meet  
Rensselaer Central  
Tri-Meet  
New Prairie Invite  
Tri-Meet  
DAC Invite  
Sectional  
Regional

5th  
2nd  
2nd  
  
3rd  
16th  
3rd  
3rd  
5th  
3rd  
6th

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### Girls

Gavit Invitational  
Portage  
Tri-Meet  
Tri-Meet  
New Prairie Invite  
Tri-Meet  
Chesterton  
Crown Point  
Sectional  
Regional

8th  
2nd  
3rd  
3rd  
24th  
3rd  
  
3rd  
7th



A new runner for this year's cross country team, Junior Cyerra Sims said she set personal goals for herself. Throughout the course of the season, she dropped her times. "Having my father as my coach, I listen to his speeches, which helps me stay motivated," Sims said. Sims finished 7th at sectionals and 17th at regionals.

# The Score

## Opponent

Highland	4 - 1 L
Wheeler	3 - 2 W
Chesterton	3 - 2 L
Lake Central	3 - 2 L
Valparaiso	4 - 1 L
Crown Point	4 - 1 L
LaPorte	4 - 1 L
Portage	4 - 1 W
Michigan City	4 - 1 W
Lowell	<b>W - 4    L - 8</b> 4 - 1 W
Munster	3 - 2 L
Sectionals	4 - 1 L

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*"They are always helping each other improve."*  
Coach James Simon



As the No. 1 singles, Junior Leonard Mathews serves the ball. Mathews finished the season with a 16-2 record and was voted MVP for the Duneland Conference. "During off-season, I do a lot of conditioning, and I'm constantly running," Mathews said. He said he would like for more people to come out and support the boys' tennis team.

While getting ready to return the ball to his opponents, No. 1 doubles, Junior Tyler Shockey focuses on his aim. "Tennis is, for the most part, mentally harder because it can become very distracting when the crowd starts talking," Shockey said.



Working with his doubles partner Junior Lugmann Ruth, Junior Mansoor Arifee hits the ball. Toward the end of the season, Arifee took place of Sophomore Joseph Brady after his injury. "I chose tennis because I felt I had a natural talent for it," Arifee said. "Even though doubles are fun, next season I would prefer to play singles. I would rather play singles because you have the control, and if your partner is having a bad day it won't affect you," Ruth said.

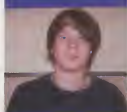


To hit the ball to his opponent, No. 3 singles Sophomore Joseph Brady uses the strength in his forearm. Due to his injury during the season, Brady was out for six weeks. "I dislocated my shoulder and tore my labrum," Brady said. "The overall season went well, even though our record would not show how strong of a team we really are," Brady said.

## Standouts



**leadership**  
Brandon Shea



**most improved**  
Kenneth Walsh



**sportsmanship**  
Luqmann Ruth



**MVP**  
Leonard Mathews II

The 2010 boys' tennis team has many memories.

No. 1 singles Junior Leonard Mathews advanced to regionals, where he won the first round but was beaten in the championship round.

The team lost to Hobart in the first round of sectionals.

"Mark Shiedler from Valparaiso was the toughest player I have had to match," said Mathews.

"The season went well. We could have won more. We had good team chemistry and everyone got along very well, which made us more successful," said Coach James Simon.

Simon has been coaching for five years and wants the team to do better next season by being more focused and practicing during off-season.

"Simon helps us by letting us know how we need to improve and what things we are doing well," No. 2 doubles Junior Luqmann Ruth said.

The team had only one injury. No. 3 singles Sophomore Joseph Brady dislocated his shoulder and tore his labrum. With Brady out, Junior Mansoor Arifee took the spot.

Finishing up the season, the boys' season ended with a record of 4-11.

"Even though the season didn't end well, the team always has room for improvements for the following season," No. 2 singles Freshman Nygel Jackson said.

"I would encourage anyone to join tennis if you have a strong desire to play," Senior Brandon Shea said.

# Making a lot of racquet



As the ball goes over the net, No. 2 singles Freshman Nygel Jackson runs toward the ball. "Tennis is more of a mental game because you have to think before you put it into action," said Jackson.



*Brandon Shea  
No. 1 doubles  
Senior*

"After showing leadership throughout the years, it was nice having the ability to be the boys' tennis captain."

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### Boys' Tennis

Coach James Simon

Front row: James Schilling, Brandon Shea, Garret Gault, Mansoor Arifee, Leonard Mathews, Nygel Jackson; Second row: Jacob Boyd, Alexander Swiere, Tyler Shockey, Michael Spicknall, Robert Taylor, Joseph Brady; Back row: Assistant Coach Kyle Prow, Ronald Mayersky Jr., Kenneth Walsh, Luqmann Ruth, Coach Simon.



Coaching the boys' tennis team for five years, Coach James Simon would like to keep improving the team every year. "Next season, I would like to get more focused and do more off-season conditioning. Simon said the team has extremely good chemistry, and everyone gets along. "They are always helping each other improve," Simon said.



Game, set and match. Another tennis season is in the books. Most of their lineup is gone with the graduating seniors, but while their record did not show improvement, there was definitely a boost in attitude, character and teamwork this season.

Senior Kelsey Sajdera stated, "I felt that I improved tremendously through the season. I was more confident by the end." Sajdera played the No. 1 singles position. The leadership may have played a vital role in her confidence and helped motivate other team members.

"Keeping a positive attitude and never giving up along with encouragement is key to motivating others," she said.

The strong character trickled down to the underclassmen as well.

Freshman Victoria Miller said, "I learned to how to be more focused and not to beat myself up after a loss."

The biggest goal was not to win the most games. It was just an added bonus. It does not mean, though, that they ever gave up.

"Winning as a team is definitely a huge goal," Junior Morgan Lamb said.

While the girls do not have to rely on each other to win the game given they are not doubles partners, the sport still thrives off the spirit of good sportsmanship for themselves and others. "It's a team effort," Miller said.

The future of the tennis team is left to the underclassmen.

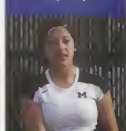
"We're going to do practices that are focused more on specific skills and be more serious about it," Lamb said.

Junior Lauren Carniello gives her fellow tennis players advice saying, "Never get down on yourself. It's not the end until you make it that way."

## Standouts



**MVP**  
Kelsey Sajdera



**sportsmanship**  
Allison Varela



**most improved**  
Miranda Vega



**leadership**  
Melanee Stubbs

## no more deuces



**Morgan Lamb**  
No. 2 Singles  
Junior

"I loved my team. We were a lot closer than we were last year. It was like we were actually more like a family this year."

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After serving the ball, No. 1 doubles player Senior Allison Varela hopes to get it over the net. "I am going to miss my team. We actually became more like a family this year," she said. Varela has played tennis for several years, and she said she has grown to love and enjoy it.

### Girls' Tennis

Coach Kyle Prow

Front row: Conor Shea, Eleny Babilonia, Francesca Bricker, Jasmine Gruchmal, Morgan Boyd, Stephanie Ferrell, Nhu Doan, Dayanna Arichavala, Lea Neligan, Lauren Carniello, Zahra Arifee; Second row: Ashley Witkowski, Kamaria Richardson, Christa Flores, Lauren Harding, Tiffany Lee, Megan Austin, Ana Adame, Aliyah Williams, Brooke Wilson, Morgan Lamb, Caillinn Caddick; Back row: Assistant Coach Greg Branda, Taylor Allen, Angelique Oyervides, Miranda Vega, Melanee Stubbs, Tia Harris, Jelena Djurdjevic, Allison Varela, Victoria Miller, Brittany Mulligan, Coach Prow.







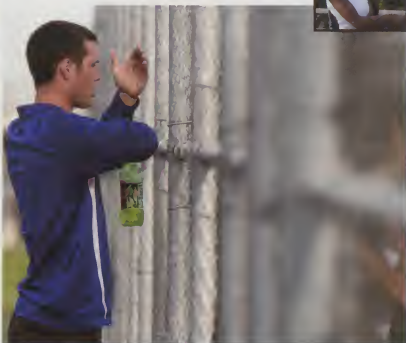
Using an overhand stroke, Senior Kelsey Sajdera sends the ball soaring to the opposing player. "To me, the game is mentally harder, so before a match, I just listen to music so I can prepare myself and get focused," Sajdera said. Sajdera played No. 1 singles.



Eyes fixed on the ball, No. 3 singles Senior Eleny Babilonia returns the ball to her opponent. Babilonia has moved up from No. 1 JV singles to No. 3 varsity singles. "One of my biggest strengths has to be being constant with my game," Babilonia said. Babilonia has been playing tennis for five years.



While waiting on her teammate No. 1 doubles Senior Allison Varela to hit the ball, Senior Lea Neligan stands with her feet planted on the ground. "I've been playing tennis since 8th grade and I liked it, so I just stuck with it," Neligan said. "Most days I just try to go out and have fun, but I sometimes beat myself up for not doing my best," Neligan said.



To make suggestions to his athlete on how to improve before the end of the match, Coach Kyle Prow talks through the fence to Junior Morgan Lamb. "I try to always encourage the girls and keep them focused on the positive and not the negative things during a game," Prow said.

## The Score

### Opponent

Highland	5 - 0 L
West Lafayette	5 - 0 L
Plymouth	5 - 0 L
Michigan City	3 - 2 L
Marquette	5 - 0 L
Lowell	3 - 2 L
Hobart	3 - 2 L
Crown Point	3 - 2 L
Michigan City	5 - 0 L
Hammond	5 - 0 L
Morton	3 - 2 L
LaPorte	5 - 0 L
MHS Tourney	4 - 1 L
Valparaiso	5 - 0 L
Wheeler	3 - 2 L
Portage	5 - 0 L
Chesterton	4 - 1 L
Lake Central	4 - 1 L
Sectionals	L

*This was my first year playing, but I did the best that I could.*

Senior

Melanee Stubbs



# The Score

## Opponent

Homestead	75 - 55 W
Highland	82 - 53 W
Chesterton	80 - 54 W
LaPorte	50 - 43 W
Andrean	89 - 60 W
Michigan City	53 - 46 W
Lake Central	82 - 58 W
Crown Point	66 - 59 W
Valparaiso	62 - 48 W
Portage	84 - 43 W
LaPorte	59 - 33 W
Lake Central	68 - 56 W
Michigan City	57 - 46 W
Lowell	70 - 49 W
Crown Point	58 - 54 W
Munster	64 - 75 L
Chesterton	100 - 52 W
Valparaiso	62 - 55 W
Hobart	95 - 45 W
Portage	97 - 46 W
Sectional	63 - 33 W
Sectional	70 - 51 W
Sectional	43 - 50 L

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W- 20 L- 2

Coach East helped me become a more confident player, and he motivated me to play stronger.”  
Senior Olatokunbo Fashawe



In deep concentration at the free throw line, Senior Jeremiah Jones (22) has his eye on the basket while cheerleaders and teammates Brandon Smith and Brandon Clark watch. “I just try to stay focused and make the shot,” Jones said. Jones made 75 percent of his free throws in his high school career.

Adding points to the scoreboard, Senior Joshua Hogan (32) soars toward the basket for a lay-up. “I just put my head in the game and do whatever needs to be done,” Hogan said. Hogan averaged 10 points per game.



Running up the court with the Pirate Crew screaming in the background, Senior Brandon Clark (10) dribbles the ball and goes full force to complete the play. “The crowd gives me a type of adrenaline which encourages me to make the right play,” Clark said. Clark received a full athletic scholarship to Santa Clara University.



## Varsity Boys' Basketball

Coach Jim East

Front row: Brandon Clark, Anton Redmon, Andre' Ross, Brandon Smith; Second row: Cameron Smith, Joshua Hogan, Jonathon Masley, Jeremiah Jones, Jacob Raspopovich, Bryce Billingsley; Back row: Bradley Brayfield, Assistant Coach Dave Herring, Edward Seay, Coach East, Olatokunbo Fashawe, Assistant Coach T.J. Lux, Robert Robinson.

## Standouts



**most improved**  
Joshua Hogan



**MVP leadership**  
Jeremiah Jones



**sportsmanship**  
Andre' Ross

The boys' basketball team started the season ranked 25th in the nation, according to Rivals.com.

Going into their last season with Jim East as head coach, the team's ambitions were high. "Our expectations were simple. Do whatever we have to get to state," Senior Olatokunbo Fashawe said.

The team started the season 15-0 before running into a minor setback with a mid-season loss to Munster. "After the loss, all we did was work hard and get ready for the next time we saw them," Senior Anton Redmon Jr. said.

Undeterred by the loss, they "continued to catch fire" by winning their next four games before the end of regular season.

The boys finished the regular season as the Duneland Athletic Conference champions.

"I felt accomplished about being the conference champions because no one beat us. We stayed undefeated, and that's hard to do," Senior Brandon Clark said.

The team went into the post-season with one loss on their record, ready to make moves toward winning a state championship. "We can win. All we have to do is stay humble and focus, then we can do our best," Redmon said.

The boys came up short of their goal, losing to conference rival Valparaiso in the sectional championship.

Taking over as head coach in the 2011-12 season is T.J. Lux, who played basketball for Merrillville for four years and graduated in 1995. He was the leading scorer for the '95 state runner-up team. Lux played collegiate ball at Northern Illinois and professional basketball in Germany and France.

# Dominant defense, better offense



With a Crown Point defender tracing his moves, Senior Brandon Smith (14) plans to maneuver for an open look at the basket. Smith hurt his knee late in the season after the loss to Munster. He said playing better teams "puts pressure on the team" to play their best.



**Anton Redmon**  
Shooting Guard #20  
Senior

"I tune everybody out and try not to think about a lot of things. Sitting down and trying to picture myself playing in the game helps me get focused."

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**Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball**

Coach Dave Herring

Front row: Frank Jefferson, Lee Cooper, Jamard Owens; Second row: Breon Magee, Anthony Disco, Kevin Wilkerson, Zoran Talley, Devin Westbrook; Back row: Airius Reed, Justin Bullock, Coach Herring, Jelani Pruitt, Isalah Wilson.



**Freshman Boys' Basketball**

Coach Luke Starkey

Front row: Trayvion Smith, Nygel Jackson, Diante' Montgomery, Monte Hamlet II, Nicholas Hayes. Second row: Mgr. Shawn Forbes, Michael Cherry, Tyrine Fuller, Kyle Krause, Bryant Isabell, Montel Winbush, Mgr. Denzel Young. Back row: Coach Starkey, Demetrious McKeethen, James Wright III, Deonte' Warren, Billy Grant Jr., Michael Reese, Coach Jim Vermillion.



After the graduation of five key players last season, the girls' basketball team hoped to repeat sectional and regional titles in the 2011 season.

After a disappointing, early loss in the second round of the post-season sectional tournament, the young talented girls' basketball team is looking toward the future.

"Of course we wanted to go to state, but we tried to take it one game at a time. We put a good game together against Hobart in the first round, and

were looking towards the upcoming season," Varsity Co-captain Raveen Murray said.

Even with a young team, the girls' basketball team managed to 'shoot' their way through the Duneland Athletic Conference, accumulating a 14-5 record throughout the season.

"It's always tough losing five seniors, but with are young team. We managed to fight through it and learn to build our chemistry together as a new team," Murray said.

## Queens of the court



**Raveen Murray**  
Shooting Guard #14  
Junior

"Being at the game and having people cheer you on makes you very hype, but half the time, you really don't hear them because your head's in the game."

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**sportsmanlike**  
Christina Brown

As she moves away from the defender, Junior Briana Thompson. "I love the game. My family grew up playing basketball and I grew up playing it. I just love it. I don't believe I'll ever fall out of love with the game," Thompson said.



**MVP**  
Raveen Murray



### Freshman Girls' Basketball

Coach Ben Daniel

Bottom Row: Shaquitta Dillard, Tiera Bean, Ahdezja Smith, Niesha Aaron, Ashley Hansbury. Back Row: Coach Daniel, Kamaria Richardson, Nia McMurray, Riana Todd, Tadjia Outlar, Selena Diaz, Coach Brad Daniel.



### Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball

Coach Rina Molina

Front row: Jasmine Johnson, Taylor Allen, Rasheeda Robinson, Lacey Richards, Anjelica Peppers. Back row: Andrea Mathis, Amber Sturdivant, Mia Patikas, Coach Molina, Tia Harris, Myranda Harris, Sheridan Parker.





In a quick move to the basket, Senior Melanee Stubbs drives the ball away from the opponent. Early in the year, Stubbs committed to play at Kent State. "I went on campus, and I like the atmosphere, and I like how the coaches are involved," Stubbs said.



"It's a privilege to be on varsity. It's really fun, plus I learn from every step I take," Freshman Audrianna Downs said. The only freshman to start on varsity, Downs scored a total of 162 points during the season, averaging 8 points per game.

## The Score

### Opponent

Highland	63 - 40 W
Andean	61 - 44 W
Valparaiso	53 - 44 W
Portage	76 - 71 W
Chesterton	62 - 67 L
Elkhart Memorial	45 - 74 L
LaPorte	48 - 45 W
Michigan City	37 - 59 L
Lake Central	54 - 62 L
Munster	54 - 41 W
Crown Point	62 - 78 L
Valparaiso	63 - 36 W
Portage	66 - 51 W
Lowell	66 - 55 W
LaPorte	54 - 20 W
Hobart	52 - 45 W
Lake Central	75 - 72 W
Chesterton	74 - 67 W
Michigan City	52 - 70 L
Crown Point	81 - 74 W
Sectional	49 - 48 W
Sectional	61 - 62 L

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"Having varsity time is great. You learn from it, plus it is a great experience." Sophomore Dariyan Morris



### Varsity Girls Basketball

Coach Amy Govert

Front row: Brianna Thompson, Dariyan Morris, Robin Williamson, Jasmyne Miller, Christina Brown, Raveen Murray, Audrianna Downs; Back row: Coach Darcy Johnston, Amanda Banashak, Melanee Stubbs, Kacey Cole, Tanasia Beavers, Darian Patton, Coach Govert.



Telling the team their next play and giving them a confidence, Coach Amy Govert tells the team to stay on game. "We always have goals and because of these goals that's what we try to accomplish." "What the school should expect is new game because last year we lost a lot of players, but this year it makes up because we have a lot of new players." Govert said.

# The Score

## Opponent

### Boys

Portage	122 - 64 L
Rensselaer Central	114 - 72 L
Lake Central	145 - 40 L
Highland	121 - 65 L
Hobart	129 - 32 W
Crown Point	133 - 53 L
Griffith	98 - 86 L
Kankakee Valley	109 - 75 L
Lowell	103 - 77 L
Valparaiso	129 - 57 L
Munster	117 - 69 L
Michigan City	109 - 76 L
LaPorte	118 - 68 L
Wheeler	131 - 50 W
Chesterton	147 - 39 L
DAC	84 pts. 8th
Sectional	77 pts. 6th

### Girls

Lowell	108 - 78 L
Chesterton	150 - 36 L
Portage	116 - 70 L
Rensselaer Central	98 - 88 L
Lake Central	151 - 35 L
Highland	106 - 79 W
Hobart	114 - 71 W
Crown Point	118 - 68 L
Griffith	138 - 48 W
Kankakee Valley	104 - 82 L
Valparaiso	131 - 55 L
Munster	147 - 39 L
Michigan City	115 - 71 L
DAC	86 pts. 8th
LaPorte	113 - 73 L
Wheeler	102 - 81 L
Sectionals	68.5 pts. 7th

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Diving, Sophomore Jacob Pardus does a reverse pike at a meet. Being on the team for two years, he has many goals. One of them is to be captain of the swim team. Compared to last season, he has improved especially in diving by building up strength and practicing on his own.



Choosing the breaststroke, Sophomore Destiny Yoder swims in a freestyle relay. "I've always wanted to be part of a team, and swimming called to me," Yoder said. She has been swimming since she was a freshman.



Performing a back somersault pike, Sophomore Imani Shelby pikes down into the water. "I practiced that dive three to five times a meet to make sure I got it," she said. Shelby has been swimming for five years, and wanted to continue in high school.

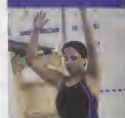
## Standouts



**MVP**  
Kelsey Sajdera



**most improved**  
Nichole Anderson



**sportsmanship**  
Kara Phillips



**leadership**  
Jill Ross



Swimming the backstroke at a meet, Senior David Jordan tries to remember the team motto, "Be the best you can be, do the best you can do, and never give up." Over the past three years on the team, Jordan has improved by dropping his times, despite an injury during his junior year to his pectoral muscle and tearing a ligament in his knee this year. The pain that he endured did not hinder him from achieving his goal for this year, to drop his time to 24:16 seconds for a 50 freestyle race.

## Standouts

"Get speed, keep speed." is one of the sayings that the team tries to remember while getting prepared for a meet. Not only do they work hard to win, but they also work together. "I love the team. We are all one big family, and I never dread going to practice. I look forward to it because I know I'll have fun," Senior Kyle Schroeder said.

"I think they did amazing," Coach Ladd Downham said. "The team had excellent performances as they finished up the season. I was happy with all the effort that the team put forth to win and accomplish their goals."

"The coach is calm and really encourages us to keep going," Senior David Jordan said.

"The training does get tough, and you do get tired, but once you keep doing it, it comes very easy to you," Sophomore Jacob Pardus said.

The boys made it to the sectional finals and did not advance any further.

"The girls' swimming and diving team grew closer with new members on the team," Senior Captain Jill Ross said.

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and even some seniors joined the team this year.

"I expect them to work hard, never give up," Coach Downham said. In order to be dedicated to swimming, the girls had a tough workout ahead of them. The girls' training and conditioning lasted throughout autumn and part of winter. During the winter, the girls' swim team performed a Christmas based practice called "The Twelve Days of Christmas." During these days, the girls were given specific swims and dives to practice, representing each day.

The girls' season ended at sectionals placing seventh of ten.

**MVP**  
Jacob Caddick

**most improved**  
David Osorio

**sportsmanship**  
Kyle Schroeder

**leadership**  
Nicholas Badali



Turning her head to breathe, Senior Captain Jill Ross performs a freestyle stroke. "I've been dropping some time every practice," Ross said. Preparing for a meet helps Ross concentrate and focus on her strokes.

## Diving in head first



**Kyle Schroeder**  
Swimmer  
Senior

"Swimming is tough, but it's very rewarding. Be mentally tough. Many days you will feel like quitting, but you want to keep trying to accomplish the goal you set for yourself."

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**Boys' Swimming and Diving**  
Coach Ladd Downham

Assistant Coach Sara Stallings, Jeremy Boyer, Jacob Pavel  
Front row: Charles Stokes Pyatt, David Osorio, Darren Blaylock, Jean Pierre Cardenas, Brandon Culver, David Rodriguez, Gershon Patton, Aaron Fuller, Jacob Pardus, Pavlo Shyrokov; Second row: David Venzke, Kevin Henry, Shelby Newell, Brandi Wolak, Jacquelyn Jones, Danielle Winburn, Nicholas Badali, Markus Kluge, Javawn Willis; Third row: Coach Stallings, Joshua Von Buelow, Christian Brunsli, Zachary Phillips, Jordan Reeves, David Jordan, Anthony Turman, David Perkins, Clarence Hosea, Coach Kirsten Koharchik; Back row: Coach Boyer, Messay Crawford-Taylor, Randall Bulente, Jacob Caddick, Coach Downham, Justin Koenemann, Alexander Matthews, Kyle Schroeder, Coach Pavel.



**Girls' Swimming and Diving**  
Coach Ladd Downham

Assistant Coach Sara Stallings, Jeremy Boyer, Jacob Pavel  
First row: Emma Bice, Janay Olague, Stephanie Barnard, Imani Smith, Reginia Torres; Second row: Breyanna Turner, Rachel Baran, Alexandria Romanow, Deanna Venzke, Jucila Best, Nichole Anderson, Kara Phillips, Aerleye Peterson, Destiny Yoder; Third row: Kennedy Wilck, Kelsey Sajdera, Caitlynn Caddick, Brandi Wolak, Jacqueline Jones, Danielle Winburn, Shelby Lee, Taylor Pierce, Hailey Holden; Fourth row: Coach Stallings, Imani Shelby, Jill Ross, Kaitlyn Phillips, Jillian Sandefur, Kasie Antich, Jennifer Meloy, Alyssa James, Coach Kirsten Koharchik; Back row: Jeremy Boyer, Brittney Brack, Maggie Connelly, Morgan Orosz, Coach Downham, Jeanette Burbage, Miranda Vega, Natalia Ooms, Coach Pavel.



Practicing each day, morning and after school, the wrestling team has improved greatly. They finished the season with a record of 19-4.

The nine wrestlers advancing to semi-state were Junior Kourtney Berry (189), Junior Michael Nickson (215), Junior Darryl Peppers (171), Freshman Michael Garza (103), Junior Adam Brodie (112), Junior Luis Padilla (130), Junior Zachary Sandefur (152), Senior Javier Avalos (145) and Sophomore Adam Garcia (119). The three wrestlers advancing to state were Berry, Sandefur and Garcia.

"I am pretty confident about going to state. I think we might have a shot to place. When we get there, we are going

to see what happens," Berry said. At state, Berry placed fifth. Sandefur and Garcia both lost in their first rounds.

Even though none of the wrestlers won a state title, going to state was still an accomplishment for them. Their hard and dedicated work will help them for next year.

"Before getting on the mat at state, I listened to 'Poker Face' and 'Firework.' Listening to a girl's voice helps me stay relaxed," Sandefur said.

As a coach for 11 years, Coach David Maldonado had 36 wrestlers advance. "I think the season went well. It did not end the way we wanted it to. For next year, if I would change anything, it would be to gain more experience,"

## Taking down competitors



**Arthur Jacobs**  
Varsity  
Senior

"When I was taking him down with a bear hug, I knew I had to make a move fast. Portage was not a hard school for me to match personally."

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Standing on the sideline, Coach David Maldonado tells the wrestlers what to do. "Next season more than anything, I would want their experience to help with the success for next year," Maldonado said.

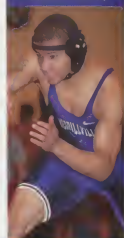
Standouts



most improved  
Zachary Sandefur



sportsmanship  
Javier Avalos



leadership  
MVP  
Kourtney Berry



Front row: Michael Garza, Adam Brodie, Emmanuel Briseno, Adam Garcia, John Costakis, Erick Acosta, Luis Padilla, Javier Avalos, Arthur Jacobs, Michael Spudic, Darryl Peppers, Michael Martin; Second row: Mansoor Arifee, Travis Norman, Elizabeth Nino, La'Sierra Smith, Alexia Peterson, Christa Flores, Melissa Costakis, Jacqueline DeLeon, Tatyanna Robinson, Samantha Hernandez, Stacy Martin-Ellison, Jalen Minor; Third row: Michael Thompson, Coach Gene Bierman, Nathane Polezoes, Trevon Norman, Matthew Hollins, Jacob Jara, Eric DeLuna, Zachary Sandefur, Salvador Higoredam Deven Lee, Michael Nickson, Coach Rob Petyko, Brandon Oliver; Fourth row: Coach Michael Lawrence, Alejandro Jara, Alejandro Acosta, Malcolm Donley, Kourtney Berry, Robert Novoa, Jordan Diaz, Coach David Maldonado; Back row: Brandon Spencer, George Papamihalakis, Trevon Williams, Adam Sherwinski, Carlos Dickerson, Thomas Scolaro, Jah'Rome Fogle.





Ready to make a move, Junior Kourtney Berry (189) stays focused. A wrestler for eight years, Berry advanced to the state tournament this year. "Even though I got fifth place at state, I am going to try harder to do better next year," Berry said.



Pinning his opponent, Junior Zachary Sandefur (152) gets a bloody lip during the match. "I have been wrestling for six years now," Sandefur said. Sandefur was the varsity captain. "Even though I am varsity captain, I still make mistakes, as does everyone else on the team," he said.



Before his match, Junior Darryl Peppers shakes his opponent's hand. "While shaking hands, I think about the shake. Light shake is weak. Good shake is hard," Peppers said. "During the match I wish I would have listened to my coach more," he said.

## The Score

### Opponent

LaPorte Duals	5-0
LaPorte	W
Hammond High	W
Thorton	W
Wawasee	W
Culver	w
Valparaiso	W
Portage	W
Tom Cameron Invite	5-0
Kankakee Valley	W
Northwood	W
Boone Grove	W
West Lafayette	W
Yorktown	W
Rich East Tournament	1st
Chesterton	W
Mishawaka Tournament	5th
Crown Point	L
Oakville Duals	3-2
Lake Central	W
DAC	2nd
Michigan City	W
Sectional	1st
Regional Duals	
Crown Point	L

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"The student I matched from Portage had a strong grip, and I just couldn't beat it."

John Costakis



To signify the victory over the Portage opponent, the referee raises Junior Luis Padilla's (130) hand. "I felt really good winning the match against Portage. My score was pretty good," Padilla said. "Before the match, I knew I would win."

# The Score

## Opponent

Michigan City	105 W
Lowell/Hobart	105.5 W
Lake Central	105.9 W
Ft. Wayne Concordia	100.2 L
LaPorte	105.675 L
Pirate Pride Invitation	105.675 L
Portage	105.25 L
Chesterton	101.95 L
Crown Point	103.6 L
Valparaiso	104.625 L
DAC	104.725 5th
Sectional	104.55 5th

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With a pushback pose, Senior Chandler Hill ends her floor routine. Hill competed during her senior year despite a herniated back injury. "I almost could not compete because of my back," Hill said. Competing all four years of high school, Hill's strengths are vault and floor.

Beginning with a pose, Senior Rebekah Rochefort prepares to start her floor routine. "Ending with the right dance moves and staying in sync with the music is one of the most difficult things about ending a floor routine," Rochefort said.

"While watching all the older girls perform their skills, it inspired me to try gymnastics." Freshman Taylor Woods



## Gymnastics

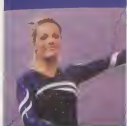
Coach Diane Roberts

Front row: Hannah Lane, Chandler Hill, Amy Aponte, Taylor Woods; Back row: Coach Derek Benakovich, Rebekah Rochefort, Kristina Goodman, Coach Roberts, Valerie Bly, Lauren Lamb, Coach Nicholas Roberts.



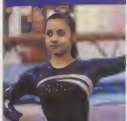
In the middle of her beam routine, Sophomore Amy Aponte raises and points her right foot. "What keeps me focused while competing is my inner gymnast," Aponte said. Aponte is first in her class, and she has competed on the gymnastics team for two years.

## Standouts



**MVP**

Chandler Hill



**most improved**

Hannah Lane



**mental attitude**

Amy Aponte



**leadership**

Valerie Bly

Stamina, commitment, determination and talent are four qualities that any high school athlete must possess in order to be on a team. But for a gymnast, there are a lot more things that come along with the uniform.

In the sport of gymnastics, a gymnast must not only be committed and determined, but she must also know how to fall and get back up. Because many injuries can occur, it is extremely important for a gymnast to continue to improve and recover from a long fall.

The 2011 Merrillville gymnastics team began their season with high hopes and expectations. Unlike the previous year, the team hadn't suffered from any major injuries.

"It made the season less stressful and a little easier," Senior Valerie Bly said.

Although there were only a few minor injuries, the girls still remained conscious of their mistakes and continued to focus on improvement.

"It can get really frustrating at times, but I just push through it," Senior Chandler Hill said.

The team continued practicing hard and perfecting their skills, finishing the season with three wins.

"I think we did good as a team, but we could've done better," Hill said.

With three seniors graduating this year, the remaining members of the team must work hard to make sure they deliver in 2012.

"It's going to be hard seeing them go because the team kind of bonded into this little family," Freshman Taylor Woods said.

## Beaming for the top spot



Off the beam and performing a wolf jump, Sophomore Hannah Lane has to jump and position her legs "just so" to earn points during the competition. Lane has been part of Diane Roberts' gymnastics program since first grade.



With arms stretched and hands in position, Sophomore Lauren Lamb executes a stag jump as part of her floor routine. "I do intend on doing gymnastics throughout all of high school because if I quit, I would miss it," Lamb said. With the season's end, Lamb said she already has plans for next season. "My plan for next year is to work past what I can already do," Lamb added.



**Kristina Goodman**  
Freshman

"I put so much time and commitment into gymnastics, why would I quit now?"

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Making a comeback from shin splints to sprained ankles, Senior Valerie Bly ends her floor routine with the "Merrillville Crawl," a dance skill every gymnast must perform in her routine. "Receiving a personal best on floor and beam were some of my biggest accomplishments this season," said Bly.

Dancing. Stunts. Cheers. Jumps. Merrillville High School's cheerleading squad completed a grueling season with the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year.

Their challenge started with summer conditioning when they practiced every day except Wednesday.

They also attended a cheerleading camp in Valparaiso, where they learned the basics of cheer such as jumping, tumbling and chants.

As a result of their early hard work, the team won Top Chant, Top Cheer, Most-Spirited, the Herkie Award and the NCA Bid.

Several individual cheerleaders were voted for the All-American Award, which is given to girls with excellent sportsmanship, jumping and yelling.

"Summer conditioning is tough.

During our 5 to 8 p.m. practices, we run 12 laps, do 500 crunches and 100 to 150 jumps," Senior Dayna Young said.

The start of the football and basketball seasons kept the girls active as well.

During football season, people did not see as much of the cheerleaders from the stands, but for basketball the girls were closer to the fans and added dancing to their routine.

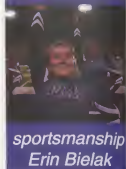
The movement into basketball season also saw the addition of boys to the squad. While some girls saw the boys as a distraction, others said they kept the team focused and encouraged a competitive spirit.

"The boys break the ice," Senior Raevyn Harper said.

Altogether the girls felt they had a successful season. They said it was especially satisfying when they helped young girls who later told them that they were positive role models.

"I can't imagine cheer not being in my life," Harper said, "This year we've had one of the best squads since I've been here."

## Standouts



sportsmanship  
Erin Bielak



MVP  
leadership  
Katelynn Usher



most improved  
Shawnay Lardyell

## Peeking over the pyramid



### Varsity Cheerleaders

Coaches Lori Govert and Jeni Pedroza

Front row: Danae Baskin, Raevyn Harper; Second row: Shawnay Lardyell, Jasmin Pollard, Jasmin Griffin, Erin Bielak, Briana Robinson; Third row: Charizma Jackson, Jasmin McGee, Blanca Portis, Kristin Thornton, Jazmyn Thomas; Back row: Katelynn Usher, William Isabel, Dayna Young, William Akins III, Kayla Greene, Payton Parker, Whitney Reese.



### JV Cheerleading

Coach LaToya Edwards

Front row: Tavia East, India Williams, Breia Givens; Back row: Morgan Boyd, Kathryn Sarsfield, Isabella Stevens, Aurielle Carson. Not pictured: Sydney Sanchez.





With a boost from her fellow teammates, Senior Captain Katelynn Usher tries to get the crowd involved in cheering for the team. "I love performing the difficult stunts and getting the crowd involved," she said.



After the football team scores a touchdown, cheerleaders jump and scream in excitement. "I like football season because I know what's going on and it's more exciting," Senior Jasmine Griffin said. The cheerleaders have early morning practices over the summer to prepare themselves for the football season.



Senior Raevyn Harper

"At camp we learn different team things, like all of our personalities bonding and working as a team."

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From all my seasons, my favorite memory was going to state. We got to decorate our faces with makeup and jewels. It sounds creepy, but it was fun. Junior Kayla Greene



During one of the basketball performances, the cheer squad lifts Sophomore Sydney Sanchez. "I love the feeling when you do a routine and everyone does it perfectly," Sanchez said. She has been a part of the cheer team for one year.



Looking up into the stands, Junior Kayla Greene and Seniors Erin Bielak and Jasmin Griffin cheer the football team to victory. "I like going to games and getting the crowd involved," Bielak said. In addition to cheering, Bielak likes having bonding sessions with her team at sleepovers and small parties.

# The Score 2011

Marian Invitational	
Pom	71.8 (1st)
Clark Middle School	
Invitational	
Pom	66.97 (2nd)
Jazz	77.40 (1st)
Munster Invitational	
Hip Hop	69.17 (1st)
Jazz	
Kahler Middle School	
Invitational	72.40 (2nd)
Hip Hop	
Lake Central Invitational	73.30 (2nd)
Pom	72.30 (4th)
Hip Hop	74.10 (2nd)
Jazz	
IHSOTA North Regional	
(Mishawaka)	
Pom	81.30 (3rd)
Hip Hop	75.90 (5th)
Jazz	72.20 (4th)
IHSOTA State Team	
Championships	
Pom	74.08 (7th)
Jazz	73.54 (7th)

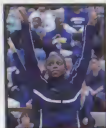
Senior Lindsay Sanchez holds her pom poms while performing a pre-game routine. She led the team this season as one of the Varsity team captains. Sanchez is upset to have to leave the team she became so close with this year. "The first day there was chemistry," Sanchez said. "We all clicked from the start, and we've been supportive of each other throughout the season."



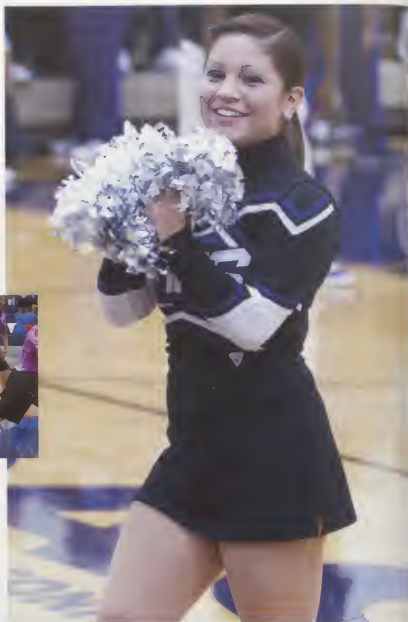
At a competition in Munster, Senior Jenniye Adams stays in sync with her teammates during their hip hop routine. "Hip Hop is one of my favorite styles," Adams said. "I like moving around to the beat."

"Dance has allowed me to meet new people with different personalities. It has helped me build a lot of new relationships."

Junior  
Mekyla Nelson



While she holds her leg extension, Sophomore Alyssa Smith performs her favorite dance style at one of the basketball games. "I enjoy jazz because you get to express how you feel," Smith said. She said she loved spending time with her teammates this season. "They're like sisters away from home," Smith said, "and our coach is just like another mother to me."



Opening a football game with the school song, Junior Belia Mercado performs the difficult routine she and her teammates mastered. "The school song took us all a while to learn," Mercado said, "but, luckily, we all got it eventually." She is happy to have joined the team. "It has made me want to dance for the rest of my life," Mercado said.

## Standouts



**leadership**  
Alexandria Norton



**MVP**  
Raelyn Greene



**dedication**  
Lindsay Sanchez

With only six returning members and three seniors, Senior Captains Alexandria Norton and Lindsay Sanchez knew they had a lot to work on.

Most of the team was inexperienced and had never danced on a team before.

"We had to work on everything, literally," Norton said.

From summer practices to football and basketball games, the girls had ample time to practice and perfect their routines.

As the competition season approached, the girls felt very confident they would go far. The first competition took place at Marian High School, and the team walked away with a first-place trophy and was excited to continue proving itself.

The team walked away with a handful of first places at competitions, building the team's confidence.

At Mishawaka, for the North Regional Competition, the team pulled together and received high scores in the Advanced Pom and Jazz categories.

On March 18, the team left for Indianapolis for the State Team Championships at New Castle High School, which were the following day.

The team was excited to perform one last time but disappointed after receiving seventh out of eight places in both categories.

With more experienced dancers next year, they will continue to compete in the Advanced division in hopes of advancing to and placing higher at the State Team Championships.

## Dancing with the stars



"Leave it all on the floor." The varsity dance team applies one of their mottos to this emotion-filled routine. They performed the jazz routine for the school at a basketball game for the first time in the winter of 2011.



**Alexandria Norton**  
Varsity Captain  
Senior

"I will never forget the first time we performed jazz at a basketball game. We were all really nervous and had low confidence. Once we got on the floor, it all went away. We felt each other's emotions, and when we were done, our coach cried for us. It was really touching."

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**Varsity Pom Pons**  
Coach Melissa Sickinger

Front row: Gina Lee, Khari Coker, Marshawna Kendrick; Second row: Leslie Easterling, Belia Mercado, Raelyn Greene, Donneisha Owens, Camisha Mitchell; Back row: Mekyla Nelson, Jenniye Adams, Lindsay Sanchez, Alexandria Norton, Alyssa Smith.



**Junior Varsity Pom Pons**  
Coach Melissa Sickinger

Front row: Ja'Val Holcomb, Brittani Hood, Lauren Blackwell, Simone Barron; Second row: Kaylyn Riley, Lauren Kiser, Larissa Harris, Raven Smith, Mikaila Lomax; Back row: Hadiya Bowen, Brinesha Jackson, Paula Akinrinade.



One competitive sport that can be time consuming and demands a good mental attitude and knowledge is bowling, believes Sophomore Carlyse Larson.

With each other's help and support throughout the season, the team achieves success. "I love bowling, and that's why I try to play as much as possible," Sophomore Marissa Taylor said.

In order to be on the team, bowlers must try out. "The tryouts consist of bowling three games, but no one really gets cut," Taylor said.

The players perform many stretch and exercise routines before a game or match. "As a team, we stretch our legs, arms and backs, practice some dry approaches and just go through the motions and loosen up," Larson said.

Both teams practice during the week at Stardust II in Merrillville. The boys' team meets Wednesday and the girls meet Tuesday and Thursday.

"We usually just work on whatever the coach feels we need to," Senior Nicholas Schuffert said. The boys' team played well this year and the girls placed first in their sectional. Taylor and Junior Robin Jakich advanced individually after sectionals.

At Superbowl in Crown Point, Sophomore Marissa Taylor throws a strike. "When I go up to bowl, I walk slowly to the foul line and hold the ball close to my body," Taylor said. Taylor has an average of 150 points per game. Taylor joined the team during her freshman year and tries to bowl on the weekends as much as she can.



As he comes up from releasing his bowling ball, Senior Nicholas Schuffert watches as it rolls toward the pins. "If you intend on joining the bowling team, I'd advise to practice continually," Schuffert said. Schuffert has been bowling for the team for three years. One challenge for Schuffert is finding where he wants to throw the ball.

## Keep On Rolling



*Carlyse Larson*  
Sophomore

"I enjoy bowling a lot. I always thought it would just be a hobby for me, but it is much more than that."

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With only a few years of experience, student trainer Junior Olshianna Doss wraps JV basketball player Junior Frank Jefferson. "With all of the cute boys coming in, Sean and Sue are what make me focused," Doss said. Doss has been a student trainer for two years. She has many jobs, but she said wrapping is what she does best.



#### Athletic Trainers

Front row: Alyssa Nymeyer, Olshianna Doss, Jasmine Cleveland; Back row: William Akins III, Jada Jones, Brittney Bass

## Wrap It Up

Athletic training plays the backbone in all sports. It not only provides instructions to students on how to help athletes, but it also shows athletes how to help themselves. This helps the athletes prepare for their upcoming seasons and events.

"There are a lot of student athletes, so we need as much help as we can get," Head Trainer Mr. Sean Hudson said.

With only two instructors, Mr. Hudson and Ms. Sue Hayes, student trainers provide those needed helping hands. There are about 10 student trainers assisting in winter and fall sports, and about 3 assisting in spring sports.

"The students are crucial in helping me get done what needs to be done," Mr. Hudson said.

The student trainers help out at games, therapy sessions, and during the instructor's classes. Not only do they help out during classes and such, but student trainers are also taught how to wrap and treat injuries.

"They really do help with all of the work that has to be done," Ms. Hayes said.

"I've been doing athletic training for a while now," Junior Olshianna Doss said.

"And it can be difficult at times," Doss said.

Besides all of the hands on work, the students also learn things that they can benefit from to help them later on in their careers.

"Students actually get a taste of what is expected of them in similar careers," Mr. Hudson said.



*"Athletic training is my way of keeping around athletes, and since I did not have the ability to stay in sports, this is my way of helping."*  
Head Trainer  
Sean Hudson

Intent on taping Senior gymnast Valerie Bly, assistant trainer Ms. Sue Hayes first applies pre-wrap to the shin and then wraps it in Coach tape. "I was always trying to help people who were injured," Ms. Hayes said, "and then I found out about athletic training." Hayes works with athletes in football and soccer in the fall; basketball, wrestling and gymnastics in the winter; and baseball and track in the spring.

## The Score

### Opponent

Valparaiso	0 - 1
Crown Point	0 - 2
Homewood-	8th
Flossmoor Invite	
LaPorte	11 - 10
West Lafayette	7th
Relays	
Chesterton	15 - 17
Portage	15 - 18
Michigan City	16 - 18
Lake Central	16 - 19
DAC	4th
Sectional	3rd
Regional	5th

# 2011

*“Back to me is mentally harder because when you get tired, it allows you to keep going.”*  
**Sophomore Julian Neal**



A two-year track team member, Junior Anthony Palm prepares to throw the shotput during the meet against Crown Point and Valparaiso. "My coaches tell me straight up what I need to do to improve my skills," Palm said. With the help of his coaches, Palm's distance for the event has increased to 50 feet and a ninth place finish at regionals.

After Senior Denzel Pierce passes him the baton, Junior William Isabell takes off to get the best time in the 400-meter relay. "Listening to music while I warm up helps me stay focused for the meet," Isabell said. The team of Denzel Pierce, William Isabell and Seniors Michael Joiner and Rahim Conwell placed 12th at the state tournament.



During a meet against Crown Point, Sophomore Austin Jamerson shows perfect form to clear the hurdle. Competing in the high jump event, Jamerson won first place with a personal best at sectionals. In the high jump, he jumped 6'6" at the state tournament and tied for third.



Sticking his landing, Senior Denzel Pierce competes in the long jump, fighting to reach every foot of the sandpit. "My acceleration is definitely a strength of mine. It helps me with the 400-meter relay and 100-meter dash," Pierce said.

## Standouts



### MVP

Rahim Conwell



### leadership

Jacob Caddick



### sportsmanship

Austin Jamerson



### most improved

Caleb Pirtle

Breaking records and trimming time have been the goals of this year's track team.

The boys had to work hard to make up for the loss of many seniors.

"We were hoping to do as well as possible and win a team sectional title," Coach Brian Past said.

"I knew we lost a lot of seniors, and I was okay last year, so I knew I had to step up and contribute points to my team and try to be a leader," Sophomore Austin Jamerson said.

The seniors had a record-breaking year. Senior Rahim Conwell broke the Duneland Athletic Conference record for the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.74 seconds.

## seconds away from state finals



In an attempt to win the high jump, Senior Anton Redmon arches his back to clear the bar. "Joining track this year helped me stay in shape for basketball and football," Redmon said. Even though this was Redmon's first season competing in track, he advanced to regionals with a fifth-place finish.

"I watched the record being broken in middle school, so it was pretty cool to break it myself," Conwell said.

With many runners returning, the hopes for next season are promising. This year, the team finished third in sectionals and nine athletes advanced to regionals.

At the state track finals at Indiana University in Bloomington, Conwell placed seventh in the 200-meter with a time of 22.27 and tenth in the 100-meter with a time of 11.23.

Jamerson tied for third in the high jump and the 400-meter relay team of Conwell, Junior William Isabell, Seniors Michael Joiner and Denzel Pierce placed 12th.



Conor Hill  
Long Distance  
Freshman

"I like running a longer distance because I am more into endurance."

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Preparing for the track meet, Coach Brian Past brings out the hurdles. "For about ten years, I was an assistant coach for Coach (Jim) Johnston. I recently just became the head coach of the 2011 boys' track team," Past said. Unlike other coaches, Past does not have any superstitions. He just wants the athletes to work hard and try to win.



In the 1600-meter relay, Junior Trent Turner starts the race off the blocks. "You have to mentally tell yourself that you are physically ready even when you may be tired," Turner said. At the dual meet against Crown Point and Valparaiso, the relay team of Turner, Senior Rahim Conwell, Junior William Isabell and Sophomore Don Taylor ran a time of 3:43.09.

With a more focused group, the girls' team sprinted through a season of improvements.

The team made careful selections of their team members. The team lost some members, but regained their numbers, which included freshmen.

Track and field includes many events, including pole vault, shotput and discus, as well as several sprinting and distance events.

The girls believed this season held more accomplishments than last year.

The first indoor meet of the season was against Portage and was canceled, but the following indoor meet against

Crown Point led the girls to a successful win of 69-63.

The track team placed fourth at the Chesterton regional. The girls were disappointed by this, but it will push them to better themselves.

This year, three athletes qualified to go to state. Juniors Nakel McClinton, Jaleesa Holmes and Alexandra Domoras competed at Indiana University in Bloomington.

McClinton advanced for shotput and discus, Domoras for pole vault and Holmes for the 100-meter run.

"I'm glad I went further than last year," said Holmes.

## Standouts



**MVP**  
Jaleesa Holmes



**leadership**  
Ashley Jamerson



**most improved**  
Natalie Warren



**sportsmanship**  
Nakel McClinton

## making it back to state



*Christina Davies*  
Senior

*"I just like pushing myself to the limit. The harder I push myself, the more accomplished I feel."*

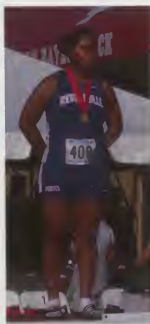
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To clear the bar, Junior pole vaulter Alexandra Domoras turns her body to fall back on to the mats. At regionals in Chesterton, Domoras jumped 11' and advanced to the state tournament, where she tied for 16th jumping 10'6". "I just push myself harder and try to get higher every time," Domoras said.



With long and precise strides, Junior Jaleesa Holmes sprints and leaps through the 100-meter hurdles. During regionals at Chesterton, Holmes reached a personal best of 14.98 seconds, advancing to the state tournament. "My goal for state would be to lower my time to 14.5 seconds," Holmes said. Falling less than a second short of her goal, Holmes placed 10th at state with a time of 15.27 seconds.



After receiving her medal at the state finals at Indiana University in Bloomington, Junior Nakel McClinton stands on the podium. McClinton placed second in discus with a throw of 137'. "I was really happy that I did my personal best in discus at the state meet where it's most important," she said. She also placed 17th in shotput with a throw of 37' 7.5". McClinton placed first at sectionals in both events and came in second and third at regionals in discus and shotput, respectively. This season, McClinton also broke her own school record in discus twice.





While pacing with each other, teammates Junior Cyerra Sims and Sophomore Victoria Collins race in the 800-meter run. "You have to get your mind in the race and remind yourself to have fun, but at the same time concentrate on what you need to do to accomplish your goals," Collins said. Both girls advanced to regionals in the 800-meter.



With baton in hand, Freshman Whitney Reese sprints the 4x1. "First, I must actually get the baton, then once I have the baton I just take off sprinting," Reese said.

## The Score

Valparaiso	67 - 64 L
Crown Point	69 - 63 W
LaPorte	88 - 44 W
West Lafayette	
Relays	5th
Chesterton	73 - 59 L
Portage	68 - 64 W
Michigan City	90 - 38 W
Lake Central	74 - 58 L
DAC	<b>2011</b> 4th
Sectional	2nd
Regional	4th

"Know that with our training and practices, the girls were physically and mentally prepared." Coach Jeff Fairbairn



Leaping high and landing hard, Sophomore Anjelica Peppers competes in the long jump event at the Tri-City meet. Peppers jumped a personal best of 15-3.50 and placed 12<sup>th</sup> at regionals. In addition to the long jump, Peppers also runs the 100-meter dash and is the anchor leg for the 4x100-meter race.



# The Score

## Opponent

Hobart	8 - 1 L
Boone Grove	7 - 0 W
Hammond High	23 - 5 W
Munster	3 - 1 L
Griffith	8 - 1 W
Highland	3 - 1 L
Lowell	8 - 3 W
Chesterton	2 - 1 L
LaPorte	11 - 1 L
Valparaiso	3 - 2 W
Portage	3 - 1 L
Crown Point	16 - 5 L
Michigan City	3 - 1 L
Highland	11 - 1 L
Lake Central	9 - 0 L
Kankakee Valley	14 - 4 L
Chesterton	12 - 1 L
LaPorte	4 - 2 W
Portage	8 - 3 L
Hanover Central	9 - 7 L
Valparaiso	7 - 6 L
Lake Central	10 - 0 L
Bishop Noll	7 - 2 W
Michigan City	5 - 4 L
Crown Point	3 - 0 L
West Lafayette	8 - 4 W 9 - 0 L
Andrean	11 - 5 L
Sectional	6 - 1 L

W - 8 L - 21

Determined to bring home a win, Senior Christopher Knight attempts to throw an opponent out at first base. Knight finished the season with 22 hits and a batting average of .229.



Taking his lead off first base, Senior Kenneth Wright prepares to steal second base. Wright plans to continue playing baseball throughout college.



With perfect form, Senior Darren Blaylock swings and hits the ball. Blaylock's batting average was .233 and his on-base percentage was .370. In the 2011 season, he hit 14 singles, scored 7 runs and had 5 runs batted in.



In a Duneland Conference game against Michigan City, Senior Shortstop Chris Knight awaits the throw to force an out. The Pirates lost the game 3-1. Knight had 13 stolen bases during the 2011 season.

## Standouts



### MVP

Nicholas Feliciano



### sportsmanship

Chris Knight



### most improved

Alex Quijano



### leadership

Darren Blaylock

Starting the season off rough, the baseball team has managed to stay dedicated and play rough throughout their season.

With the continuous rainy weather, the team had to practice efficiently and make up all their conference games.

"It's been tough, but we made up all our conference games. We just used the football field to practice in when the field was flooded," said Head Coach Mark Schellinger.

The team has only one real goal and that was to continue to do better than the previous years.

The team's family bond has allowed them to grow as a team and to stay positive always no matter the outcome. The team had wins mid-season that allowed them to have an open mind about doing good in the post-season.

"When we beat Valpo, it felt good, but it made us feel even better when we beat LaPorte because that's our coach's hometown, and we made him proud," Senior Kenneth Wright said.

The team finished the season with a 6-1 loss to Portage in the first round of sectionals.

After this season, the boys will lose eight players.

## strike 'em out



Discussing the next game play, Sophomores Matthew Warren and Jose Carbajal encourage Senior pitcher Nicholas Feliciano on the mound.



### Nicholas Feliciano Pitcher

No. 21

"The season is starting to turn around, and we're starting to compete with some of the best teams in the area."

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### Junior Varsity Baseball

Coach Joseph O'Connell

Front row: Tyler Schieve, Brian Whitten, Monte Hamlet, Daniel Jimenez, Joseph Traina; Second row: Craig Burns, Jose Gonzalez, Jon Burns, Alexander Swierc, Brandon Oliver, Joaquin Gomez; Back row: Coach John Kwiatkowski, Anthony Griffin, Nathaniel Gilham, Joseph Cowser, David Herti, Bobby Kammer, Coach O'Connell.



### Varsity Baseball

Coach Mark Schellinger

Front row: Darren Blaylock, Christopher Knight, Rudolph Sanchez, Manager Bradley Brayfield, Tyler Kepchar, Kyle Strom, Rodney Trigg; Second row: Dean Davis, Kenneth Wright, Ian Stacks, Alex Quijano, Nicholas Feliciano, Aaron Dye; Back row: Coach Schellinger, Matthew Warren, Jonathon Feliciano, Jose Carbajal, Coach Dave Byard.

Starting off the season, the girls' softball team lost their first game to Griffith, but came back and won the game against Hammond 19-0.

"One goal that I have for this season is becoming a better batter and another is to learn the first-base position," Sophomore catcher Erica Homeier said.

Senior pitcher and second baseman Jessica Martin and Junior outfielder Inesha Smith both suffered injuries.

"While I had the injury, I did fall behind in conditioning and wasn't able to do as many softball activities, and also couldn't do lower body workouts", Martin said.

During the second to last game against Boone Grove, Smith twisted her ankle.

"One of my goals this year is to be a

good athlete and show how fast I am", Smith said.

"My goal for this summer is to get signed to Division 1 and raise my number of home runs", Junior third baseman Mercedes McClendon said.

"An achievement that I had this season has been making all-conference player and honorable mention as a sophomore", McClendon said.

"Our goal was to have a better record for the season. It stayed the same, but we did improve in different areas," Sophomore pitcher Jessica Vasquez said.

"One key thing that you have to remember is that it's not just a game. It's competition. Once you put the jersey on, it's not all fun and games," said Martin.

## working toward victories



*Jessica Martin*  
Second baseman  
Senior

"My goal for the team is for us to win the first round on sectionals."

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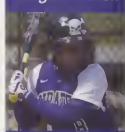
## Standouts



leadership  
Jessica Vasquez



sportsmanship  
Megan Dicken



MVP  
Inesha Smith



most improved  
Julie Ross



As Coach Jacob Stafford gives the team a pep talk, the team listens. "Softball gives me a lot of benefits. It helps me learn how to play as a team," Sophomore outfielder Julie Ross said.



### Varsity Softball

Coach Jacob Stafford

Front row: Gabriela Ponce, Inesha Smith, Bianca Blanchard, Mercedes McClendon, Jessica Martin, Ashley Hansbury, Jessica Vasquez; Back row: Jordan Buhse, Coach Mark Reid Jr., Julie Ross, Megan Dicken, Coach Stafford, Amanda Banashak, Selena Diaz, Coach Mark Reid Sr., Kaitlyn Phillips.



### JV Softball

Coach Heidi Dulla

Front row: Felecia Martinez, Samantha Hernandez, Nichole Anderson, Airrell Browning, Lauren Bistran, Rachel Baran; Back row: Erica Homier, Natalia Ooms, Kasey Stewart, Coach Dulla, Mia Patikas, Myranda Harris, Kennedy Wilck.





In the game against Duneland Athletic Conference rival Portage, Junior outfielder Inesha Smith stays focused on bunting the ball. "My dad got me interested in softball because he coaches and plays himself," said Smith. "My goal this season was to start bunting more."



As the infielders do before every inning, Sophomore Jessica Vasquez and Senior Jessica Martin shake hands. "I think the team has improved in many different areas this season," Vasquez said.



With dirt flying in the air, Junior Mercedes McClendon slides into home plate. "It feels good to slide into home plate knowing you just scored for your team," the third baseman said. "Always do your best and never give up."

## The Score

### Opponent

Griffith	5 - 0 L
Bishop Noll	8 - 5 L
Kouts	6 - 5 L
Michigan City	10 - 0 L
Hebron	13 - 6 L
Crown Point	8 - 3 L
Chesterton	12 - 1 L
LaPorte	10 - 0 L
Portage	12 - 0 L
Valparaiso	3 - 0 L
Lake Central	12 - 3 L
Kankakee Valley (DH)	10 - 0 L
Michigan City	6 - 4 L
Crown Point	10 - 0 L
Chesterton	14 - 5 L
LaPorte	14 - 0 L
Portage	13 - 2 L
Valparaiso	5 - 3 L
Lake Central	16 - 4 L
Andean	10 - 1 L
Hammond	19 - 0 W
Boone Grove	8 - 2 L
Sectionals	12 - 2 L

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W - 1 L - 23

"My goal for next year is to make varsity and hopefully be the starter for center field."

Sophomore  
Lauren Bistracan



To better see the ball after the batter popped up, Sophomore catcher Erica Homier lifts her catcher's mask. "Being in softball really helps you gain teamwork, meet new people and build character," Homier said. Homier's mom brought her into softball in the second grade at Hidden Lake.

## The Score

### Opponent

Lake Central	185 - 165 L
LaPorte	185 - 152 L
KV Invite	5th
Kankakee Valley	185 - 201 W
Portage	190 - 163 L
Chesterton	182 - 185 W
Bishop Noll	171 - 216 W
Michigan City	176 - 158 L
Chesterton	176 - 162 L
Boone Grove Invite	2nd
Crown Point	179 - 166 L
Valparaiso	179 - 149 L
LC Invite	6th
DAC Invite	8th
LaPorte	180 - 156 L
Bishop Noll	171 - 216 L
Hobart	166 - 171 L
Sectionals	4th

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At Forest Park in a tri-meet against Valparaiso and Crown Point, Senior Michael Gillis follows through after a putt. "When I putt, my main focus is to make sure I get the best read of the green, and that's how I knock putts down," Gillis said. Gillis played Varsity spot three for most of the season, and he lowered his score by 25 strokes since his freshman year.



"I was shocked when I found out I was playing varsity this year," Sophomore Michael Chabes said. In his second year of golf, he made the varsity cut for the majority of the season.

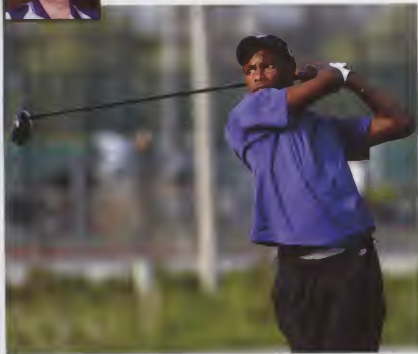


Chipping up to the green, Junior Mansoor Arifee looks up and mentally prepares for the next shot. This is the first year Arifee was on the golf team and he said he enjoyed being a part of the team. "All the guys on the team were very welcoming and cool, so it was an easy transition to the team," Arifee said.



"It was really a pleasure coaching you guys this season, and you guys really made me proud, especially you seniors."

**Coach Patti Tubbs**



In his backswing, Senior Arlen Sims looks at the fairway to see the flight his ball is taking. "This summer, I really worked hard to get where I am now," Sims said. Sims played varsity number one and two for the whole season averaging 44.05 on nine holes, tied for 1st best on the team this season.

## Standouts

In the final chapter of the late rebuilding stage, the boys' golf team hoped to make some noise in the Duneland Athletic Conference.

With new coach Patti Tubbs, the boys worked hard during the off-season and planned on taking a sectional title in the spring.

Seniors Malik Muhammad, Arlen Sims and Michael Gillis, the only three returning varsity players, were counted on heavily to step into the roles of the one, two and three spots this season, while Sophomore Naim Muhammad filled out the last permanent spot on the varsity roster.

"Early in the season, we focused on tying the loose knots of our game, and throughout the season, our game really

started to develop," co-captain Sims said.

The team started to come around mid-season when they lowered their scores while becoming more competitive with scores in the 170s.

"We just practiced, practiced and practiced until we felt like we could compete with the powerhouse teams, such as Valparaiso and Crown Point," co-captain Gillis said.

The team started practice in the early winter and continued every day until the end of the season, so much they even had a motto they called "No Days Off."

The team ended their season placing 4th at sectionals one off the cut. Sophomore Naim Muhammad continued his season at regionals.

## no days off



After hitting the ball, Sophomore Naim Muhammad focuses on getting the ball in prime position for his next shot. "I started playing golf when my dad and my brother took me out with them in the 9th grade," Muhammad said. In his sophomore year, he made it to regionals with a season low 86.



**Mansoor Arifee**  
Varsity 5 & 6  
Junior

"Golf is a very hard sport and I didn't figure that out until I joined the team this year, but I love the challenge."

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**MVP**  
Malik Muhammad



**sportsmanship**  
Arlen Sims



**best attitude**  
Michael Gillis



**leadership**  
Mansoor Arifee



"I love my new irons because I hit them pretty good and they have a lot of forgiveness," Senior Malik Muhammad said. Muhammad has been playing golf competitively for four years, and this season, he moved up to the number one varsity spot. "When I moved up as number one, it made me feel more accomplished, but I knew I had to work even harder," Muhammad said.



**Boys' Golf**

**Coach Patti Tubbs**

Front row: Roland Williams IV, Monsoor Arifee, Kennard Turner, Taylor Bryant; Second row: Michael Chabes, Michael Gillis, Mackenzie Pearson, Timothy Shelton, Arlen Sims; Back row: Coach Tubbs, Naim Muhammad, Jeremy Baldwin, Malik Muhammad, Assistant Coach John Tubbs.

With new players, a new season, a new outlook and a new coach, the girls' golf team was hard at work. As a first-year golf coach, Patti Tubbs was determined to improve the team. With improvement the first priority, team bonding was strongly encouraged.

"I wanted to bring the team closer together," said Junior Jeanette Burbage.

With new players added, the team was hoping to make memorable moments.

"My favorite memory is when coach stopped for the railroad tracks [on the bus] and a golf ball rolled out the door," Freshman Maggie Connelly said.

Many memories were made this year. However, the team needed to focus on the outcome of the season.

"I get motivated to play golf for the 'after feeling,'" said Junior Lauren Carniello.

Players say golf has many positive effects, but also disadvantages that can hurt a player's game.

"Getting the ball to go straight is the hardest part of golf," Connelly said.

While others get motivated through charms, others have superstitions that bring them luck on the course.

"When I tee the ball up, I have to make sure the ball is completely white with no words showing," Burbage said.

With the loss of two seniors, the team has high hopes that next year will be a great year.

"I play golf because it is relaxing, fun, and no physical training is needed," Carniello said.

## Standouts



**most improved**  
Jeanette Burbage



**leadership**  
Kelsey Sajdera



**sportsmanship**  
Lauren Carniello



**MVP**  
Maggie Connelly

# With patience, comes par



**Auricle Powell**  
Varsity No. 5  
Junior

"Golf can be challenging because there are a lot of rules and regulations that you have to follow. The hardest part is getting the ball closest to the hole without a lot of strokes."

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After teeing off, Junior Lauren Carniello observes the yardage of her ball. Carniello also has many golf superstitions. "I switch balls, I can't wear a hat unless I'm doing badly and I take my driver out before my tee," said Carniello.



Hitting the ball, Junior Jeanette Burbage hopes her ball does not land in the sand trap. Burbage has been playing for the girls' golf team for two years and uses the same strategy for every game. "I just aim left because my ball goes right, so it lands right in the middle of the fairway most of the time," Burbage said.



## Girls' Golf

Coach Patti Tubbs

Front row: Marissa Taylor, Lauren Carniello, Jibria Ali; Second row: Jillian Simmons, Kelsey Sajdera, Auricle Powell, Maggie Connelly, LaTonya Harrison; Back row: Assistant Coach John Tubbs, Natieka Mathews, Jeanette Burbage, Kelsey Washburn, Coach Tubbs.





On the green, Senior Kelsey Washburn putts the ball. "I focus on getting the ball in the hole with the lowest strokes as possible. My overall feeling is just to play my best," said Washburn. She has been playing golf since her freshman year and plans to continue to play in college.



Completely focused while hitting the ball, Senior Kelsey Washburn successfully lands the ball on the green. Washburn often played No. 1 and 2 for varsity. Her best score throughout the season was 53.



Keeping it positive, Freshman Maggie Connelly hits the ball onto the green. Maggie is the only freshman who played No. 1 for the varsity team. Connelly has a few golf superstitions. "My Merrillville golf hat is unlucky, and I have to wear pink to do well," Connelly said.

## The Score

### Opponent

Boone Grove	261 - 233 W
Rensselaer Central	230 - 209 L
DAC Invite	8th
North Newton	238 - 221 L
Clark	282 - 218 W
Portage	247 - 199 L
Lowell	220 - 178 L
LaPorte	219 - 212 L
Munster	235 - 195 L
Chesterton	253 - 183 L
Hobart	242 - 203 L
Michigan City	242 - 220 L
Crown Point	222 - 192 L
Valparaiso	242 - 184 L
Lake Central	222 - 196 L
Highland	228 - 200 L
Griffith	237 - 232 W
Sectional	5th

W - 3 L - 12

"My strategy was to get the ball as far as I could with the least amount of strokes." Kelsey Sajdera



While teeing off, Senior Kelsey Sajdera observes her ball as it flies through the air. Sajdera played No. 5 for varsity. She has no superstitions. "I do not have any superstitions about golf, even though I do like to play with one brand of ball," she said.



## Boys and Girls Track

Coaches: Brian Past and Jeff Fairbairn

Front row: Shawmy Landryell, Amy Agnone, Angelica Peppers, Natalie Warren, Taylor Worrell, Naseemah Wylie, Rashonda Brooks, Jazmyrn Thomas, Jasmine Cleveland, Kara Phillips, Taneesh Smith, Taylor Gaddy. Second row: A'Leah Scott, Iashe Adams, Ashley Gray, Marcellus Jones, Darryl Peppers, Damien Taylor, Ronald Woods, Victoria Collins, Rachael Walton, Shermitia Winston, Stephanie Samuels. Third row: Shaquana Dillard, Spire Lang, Jorge Gutierrez, Keon Gibson, Byron Taylor, Andre Walker, Brandon Culver, Gerston Patton, Valerie By. Fourth row: Mya Mayfield, Arissa Allen, Markei McClurray, Joshua Pany, Lawrence Riley, Jacob Sixx, Nehame Polescos, Kham Reed, Bruce Thomas, Reginald Turner, Leedi Cooper, Sabrina Adams, Whitney Reese, Brianna Thompson, Jaima Sulherland, Trent Turner, Paie Belangue, Travante Cooper, Anthony Palm, William Isabell, Denzai Pierce, Jordan Diaz, Alejandro Perez, Jaleesa Holmes, Whitney Reese, Imani Smith, Sixth row: Brianna Scott, Angela Hopkins, Riley Armstrong, Tristen Cogbill, Jacob Gaddick, Jeffrey Cobby, Corey Johnson, Cade Pittle, Josh Haynes, Julian Neal, Naimah Castileceny, Bryanna Wilson. Back row: Christina Davies, Nakel McClinton, Austin Jamerson, Luis Lopez, Mike Hoffman, Brian Past, Jeff Fairbairn, Ben Daniel, Aaron Cram, Anton Redmon, Ashley Jamerson.



## Varsity Football

Coach Zac Wells

Front row: Darius Dabadee, Michael Reed, Brandon Harris, Payton Parker, Dorian Funches, De'Quan West, Gregory Brousseau, Jordan Turley, Kevin Meacham, Bruce Brown Jr., Andre Walker, Derek Taylor Jr., Bruce Thomas, Anton West Jr., Darryl Peppers, Eric Davis, Jurrae Jones; Second row: Eric Gatewood, Michael Carpenter Jr., Jonathan Floyd, Brandon Baldwin, Larry Cooper, Travis Norman, Christian Brunski, Anthony Luckett, Joseph Blockson, Jared Earwin, Jaylen Harris, Christian Pearson, Michael Nickson, Michael Jones, Dominic Alderson, Marquise Spencer, Eugene Dykes, Aaron Dye, Logan Hubbard; Third row: Brittney Bass, Taylor Smith, Makayla Webster, Hannah Webster, Mark Schellinger, Sean Hudson, Joe Avria, Mike Neal, Zac Wells, Jake Stafford, Zach Sliva, Joe O'Connell, Jeff Eaton, Dennis Hamilton, Mariah Portis, Simone Portis, Oshlanna Doss, Joseph Traina; Fourth row: Jamaal Jackson, Eric DeLuna, Bryant Isabell, Delaun Kirk, Kevin Wilkerson, Sir-James Joiner III, Tyler Schelive, Joshua Haynes, Elbryn Goode, Caleb Pirtle, Dallas Wilson, Denzel Pierce, Jory Cunningham, Robert Robinson, Darien Gortick, Timothy Grayson Jr., Carlos Jenkins Jr., Johnite Maffett; Fifth row: Ian Stacks, Cleveland Lomax, Daniel Jankuloski, Alejandro Acosta Jr., Anthony Disco, Kourtney Berry, Anthony DiGangi, Michael Dicken, Matthew Warren, Jacob Raspopovich, Kendrick Williams Jr., Cortez Sims, William Isabell, Brandon Spencer, Adam Sherwinski, Tyler Kepchar, Brian Walker, Colby Tramble; Back row: Joseph Cowser, John Burns IV, Adrian Robinson, Rodney Mitchell, Michael Joiner, Roman Salas, Anton Redmon, Jonathon Feliciano, Carlos Dickerson, Lachapelle Bradley, Matthew Neal, Matthew Sobczak, Zachary Raspopovich, Paul Carey, Dante Mister, Trevon Williams, Oyinmlebi Deloigha, Alonzo Charles, Julian Neal.



# Performing Arts

## CHORUS

From contests to concerts, from fundraising to fieldtrips, the members of the four choral groups have had a busy school year.

Voices worked in harmony to present the annual concert, "Christmas Time is Here." Friends and families filled Reinhart Auditorium on December 16, 2010. The audience watched the students as they sang and danced across the stage to holiday songs.

Months of practice and hard work were put into the performance.

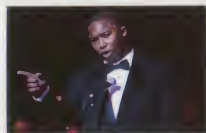
Each choir does special things throughout the year. The Varsity Choir is now a co-ed class, combining both girls and boys new to choir. It helps students get started. The classmates learn things such as sight singing.

The intermediate class, known as Concert Choir, includes girls and boys who have already been in Varsity Choir. This is where the students are able to progress and figure out where they stand as singers.

Both groups use a variety of music, anything from classical to contemporary, and present four concerts during the school year.

Advanced students try out to become members of Vocalteens and Velveteens. The Vocalteens do more singing than dancing, while the Velveteens sing and dance.

For the first time in school history, 39 singers competing at the Indiana State School Music Association state contest in February won gold medals. Twenty Division 1 soloists earned gold, and six Division 1 ensembles earned gold at the contest at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis.



Freshman William Akins III sings his solo, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch." "My favorite part of choir is being able to work with Mrs. Reinhart," Akins said. Akins earned a gold rating in Division 1 from the Indiana State School Music Association state contest in February.



During the annual holiday concert, Freshman Rebekah Mongold sang the song, "New Gift of Love." "I not only enjoy the singing, but I also like the choreography we do for our performances," Mongold said. Joining her in song are Freshmen Shawnay Lardyell and Kiera Shackelford.



Performing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" is Junior Erik White. "I joined choir because I love being in a room with people that love doing the same thing I love to do," White said. White earned a gold rating in Division 1 from the ISSMA state contest in February.







Everyone was on stage to sing "Christmas Time is Here." "I love to sing because it's a way to let my passion show. I like choir because I get to sing with people that love singing as much as I do," Senior Russell Cole II said. Cole earned a gold rating from ISSMA at the state contest.



With Senior Russell Cole II at her side, Senior Mariah Trigg sings a solo during the song, "Christmas Gifts." "I love being able to perform on stage with people. It feels like family. Choir prepares me for what I want to do in life. It has been my outlet since the beginning of high school," Trigg said. "Choir helps you build your foundation and learn the basic skills you need to be an excellent singer, and once you've accomplished all that, it's pure enjoyment."



In front of the crowd singing in Reinhart Auditorium, Junior Chardonay Balkcom performs with Senior Alex Wright and members of the advanced choir. "I enjoy being in choir with people who like the same things as me and how we build off each other's talents," Balkcom said.



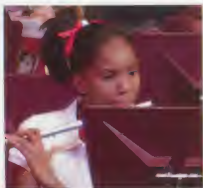
Singing to the song "White Christmas," Junior Adrian Weaver tries to emulate the simplicity of the song as Bing Crosby sang it. "I had been singing all of my life, and I thought, 'This is something I'd like to do,'" Weaver said. A bassist, Weaver earned a gold rating from ISSMA at the state contest.



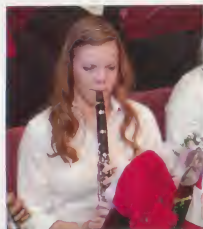
*I am really proud that when I perform, I can sing down to my lowest, deepest, beautiful, the purest sound.*

*"I have always loved the sound of the flute, ever since I was a little girl," Senior Samantha Bailey said.*

*Flutists must learn to keep their instrument parallel to the ground as they perform, Bailey said.*



*Sophomore flutist Jovanna Johnson concentrates on the music and rhythms of the Christmas song, "Fantasia for Christmas."*



*Playing the clarinet during the holiday concert, Freshman Isabella Stevens concentrates on her performance. "We are awesome, and we could inspire people to play," Stevens said. Stevens has been playing since the summer before sixth grade. "Mr. Danielson is a great director and pushes us to be the best we can," Stevens added.*

*While playing clarinet, Junior Charizma Jackson concentrates on Band Director Mark Danielson and plays "The Chipmunk Song." "This specific concert was the best," Jackson said.*



*"We could rock your grandma's socks off and could bring a whole new light into your musical thought."*

*Freshman Michael Bailey*



# Performing Arts

B

Music from as far back as 1960s, pop, rock and hip-hop, as well as music from singer-songwriter Lady Gaga, were all part of the 2010-11 band repertoire.

While many students were still on vacation, band members began learning their music and performed in the town's July 4 parade. Once school began, band students were busy, playing at football games in the fall, marching in the Chicago Thanksgiving Day parade, presenting concerts at school, competing at the Indiana State School Music Association-sponsored competitions and playing at basketball games all winter.

"Before school even starts, we have an intense band camp," Junior Joseph Drapeau said. "For the July 4 parade, we practiced two days a week to prepare."

A

The ISSMA marching season presents a special set of challenges for the band. Students must memorize the music, learn to march with steps to a specific area on the field and follow the drum major, all at the same time.

"Everyone needs to focus, and the band as a whole needs to do it," Drapeau said. "In competition, we are measured as a whole, so we spend a lot of time teaching the freshmen."

N

This year's theme was "Stringendo," and the marching band earned a silver rating during ISSMA's District Marching Band Competition.

"The whole show starts really slowly with classical music and then changes from piece to piece, accelerating in tempo," Drapeau said.

Section leaders help with the marching and the music and run section rehearsals. Practice in class includes warm-ups and scales before working on songs.

"They know what to do and when to do it," Band Director Mark Danielson said.

"This is what they do, not just something they pick up. They know the routines and how to do it."

D

"The hardest part of marching," noted Junior Ashley Ahlborn, "is getting the technique perfect for the movement because if it's not right, the formation is off. You have to be in a zone."

In April at the ISSMA Organizational Contest, the Symphonic Band earned a silver rating and the Wind Ensemble earned a bronze.



"Marchers have to use a special technique of rolling their feet as they march. The size of each step a marcher takes has to be exact, and we must memorize the music and step in time with everyone else," Junior Joseph Drapeau said.



As they march in the 2010 Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade, Junior Joseph Patton, Sophomore Imani Shelby, Senior Ashley Jamerson and Junior Daniel Lipp anticipate entering the end of the parade's TV zone "where people are everywhere and there is so much energy," Jamerson said.



To project the sound from the clarinet, Junior Ashley Ahlborn holds her instrument at "a perfect angle." She said the hardest part of Marching Band is "getting the technique perfect for the movement because if it's not right, our formation is off."



*"Band is challenging. It's a lot of work."*

Senior Ashley Jamerson

*"I enjoy orchestra. It is very fun. It also has challenging music that gives me something to do. It is also enjoyable because we are like a big family."*



As the three violinists bow up, Juniors Nikko Sadural and Pauline Panayl and Sophomore Kara Phillips focus on their music. "Orchestra teaches me responsibility," Panayl said.



While playing an up bow, Sophomore cellist Miguel Lagunas and Sophomore violist Nathan Rodriguez perform at the holiday concert. "Orchestra is a great experience and it is a great excitement," Lagunas said. Lagunas has been playing the cello since the summer before sixth grade. "I like orchestra, but sometimes I feel the teacher doesn't challenge me enough," Rodriguez said. Rodriguez plans to play the viola in college.



At the holiday concert, Sophomore cellist Allison Gronli plays the song "Holberg Suite" by Edvard Grieg. "It's a pretty energetic, festive-type music. I really liked that one. When I'm playing it, I put a lot of passion and exertion into it."



Bowing her violin, Senior violinist Angela Reynolds earned first chair for the holiday concert. "My advantage of being in orchestra is I get scholarships and it builds my character," Reynolds said.







*"If they work on it on their own, they're going to improve gradually, but steady. And I think that we're coming along great. We're getting more good players and more people involved."*



While pitching her violin, Sophomore violinist Lauren Harding concentrates on the correct notes. "I joined orchestra because I liked the sound of the instrument, and to me it's kind of a challenge, and I like a challenge," Harding said.



As Double Bassists Freshman Marcus Bass and Juniors Erin Weiss and Lauren Blackwell perform, they pay attention to their sheet music and their director. "It's fun to play in front of an audience," Weiss said. "You get a little nervous because you always want the piece to sound good."



# ORCHESTRA

The beginning, intermediate and advanced orchestras performed several concerts throughout the year. At the holiday concert, both orchestras performed separate pieces in front of a full audience. The beginning and intermediate orchestras performed "Candy Cane Christmas," "Brook Green Suite" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The advanced orchestra played the prelude from "Holberg Suite," "Allegro" from "Symphony in G," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and "Holiday Pops."

"We introduce the music for each event and get to know it, and gradually correct errors and musical elements that we think would make it enjoyable for the audience and good for us to develop new music," Orchestra Director John Bradford said.

Practicing in orchestra is essential to improving skills on the stringed instruments. The classes spend in-school time training for the next performance. Time is also required out of school to practice for a piece or to keep up with the scales.

"If you're not prepared, you have to practice all the time, because you're never perfect at anything. You're just constantly practicing to make everything better," Sophomore Erica Homier said.

Orchestra students also prepare for three Indiana State School Music Association competitions. Both intermediate and advanced orchestras earned gold ratings at ISSMA District. The advanced orchestra also earned gold in sight-reading.

A total of 49 musicians attended the ISSMA festival in January, earning gold and silver medals in their solo and ensemble performances. Thirty players performed in three ensembles during the State Festival in May.

Soloists qualifying for the ISSMA State Festival include Seniors Kaitlyn Sweeney and Angela Reynolds, Juniors Nikko Sadural, Pauline Panyai and Cameron Grundy, Sophomores Avery Sameshima, Allison Gronli and Emma Harper and Freshman Kayla Sadural.

# Performing Arts



As he sings "Music of the Night" to his protege, the young soprano Christine Daae (Junior Taylor Carter), the Phantom (Junior Adrian Weaver) puts her into a trance. "The best part was being on stage. That's where I like to be," Weaver said.



Early in the play, Raoul (Senior Matthew Fayson) wants to meet the young soprano, Christine Daae, who was his childhood friend. Monsieur Firmin (Senior Russell Cole II) and Monsieur Andre (Freshman William Akins III) lead him to her room. Fayson said performing on the stage is his comfort zone. "It's like another home. Any problems I might just have or anything negative will go away," he said.



During a rehearsal for the musical "Hannibal," which is sung within "The Phantom of the Opera," Sophomore Jocelyn Recio, Senior Charity Scollon, Sophomore Elizabeth Long, Senior Vanessa Harwood, and Senior Arreal Terry sing the title song. "During the performances, it was actually a lot of fun. I got to meet a lot of people from the cast. It was just an enjoyment," Long said.



After the Phantom uses his power to alter Carlotta's voice and stop the production of "Il Muto," the ballerinas, Senior Mariah Trigg, Senior Glona Graham and Junior Kandice Nicholson, perform a ballet to keep the audience in their seats. "I feel like there's no one watching me. That's what I feel most comfortable, like I can just do anything, be anyone. It's like a dream world," Trigg said. She said she experiences stage fright, and the lights on the stage hide the watching audience from her view.

# Producing a 'phan'tastic show



After the Phantom sends notes to the opera house staff insisting that a younger singer become the lead soprano, Carlotta Giudicelli (Senior Roben Ward) becomes upset and sings "Prima Donna" with Firmin, Andre, Raoul, and the cast. "I really feel nothing but the character. I try to bring the character out. I couldn't go on stage acting as Roben Ward or else the character wouldn't have been as it was," Ward said.



In the first scene, Senior Brandon Shea plays the part of an auctioneer to introduce some of the background and characters. "He was an older gentleman, so I had to put on an accent and use a different vocabulary to sound like I'm older," Shea said. He also had to change his physical appearance, standing taller to appear more like an auctioneer in the 1800s.

"The Phantom of the Opera" exceeded the expectations of both the audience and the cast.

This play was performed for six days, giving people better opportunities to attend. After each performance, the participants tried to find ways to make the play better. Each performance had an average of over 300 people in attendance, some of the audience attending more than one of the plays. Over 1,800 people attended overall.

Director and Musical Director Melinda Reinhart thought performing "The Phantom of the Opera" was a unique opportunity. "It was the area premiere of the show. We are one of the first in Indiana to even do the show," Reinhart said.

Assistant Director Steve Elser helped the staff prepare for the play. "I helped run rehearsals, worked

with individual actors and, basically, did what I had to do to help." Elser has been involved in drama for about 49 years.

Rehearsing for the play took a total of three months. From Monday to Friday after school, cast, crew and musicians practiced and went over the play in preparation for opening night.

Stage crew members had a part in making the play. The ten stage crew members had to be willing to help every day of rehearsal and during the performances.

They built the sets and moved them during changes in the scenes of the play. Sophomore Alexandria Romanow was one of the communicators during the play.

"I was expecting it to be a lot less work, even though we didn't know what we were getting ourselves into," she said.

As a crew member, Romanow communicated between crew members to cue sets and the actors in specific scenes of the play.

Most sets were found, but others had to be created for the play, including a huge chandelier that had to crash to the floor and a boat.

Junior Taylor Carter said she was shocked when it was announced she would play the role of Christine Daae in the play. "I didn't believe it. It took a while to sink in," Carter said.

Junior Adrian Weaver starred in one of the leading roles as the Phantom.

"The hardest part about being in the play was keeping your mental and physical health up to par because you can lose yourself," he said.

Both Weaver and Carter enjoyed the roar of the audience and being on stage.



In rehearsal, Judge Olivia Gaffney (Junior Jasmine Washington) stands surprised as Nurse Ruth Kelly (Senior Gloria Graham) pretends to hug Lyman Sanderson (Senior Joshua Melvin). Nurse Ruth Kelly and Lyman Sanderson were joyed when Dr. Chumley (Senior Richard Smith) offered Lyman his job back as a psychiatrist. "I was pretty nervous because it was my first time acting," Washington said. When performing, Washington said she eventually got over her fear. She thinks of putting emotion into her lines to make her character seem real.

## Rabbit makes big news in 'Harvey'



Giving money to E.J. Lofgren (Junior Brandon Neal), Elwood P. Dowd (Senior Russell Cole II) expects Lofgren to bring his sister to him. Cole feels excited when performing. "I feel this rush because the audience is there," he said. Cole said he was thrilled to know that he had the leading role of the play.



# Events



**Lugmann Ruth** Just had a client, another one comin up. Contact me for a recording session!

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Shelby Newell

Today was pretty good! I got some new maxes in advance fitness. My dodgeball team in in 2nd place and we have our spot in the tournament. Now im gonna chill with my bro dave. text me.



Taishe Abrams

OMG so happy I won basketball homecoming queen!!!! Thanks Merrillville Seniors! Love you All :) i couldn't have did this without yall! thanks to everyone that came to support me!! helped me lol! love yall too! =)



Sabrina Abrams

"Prom looking with the sister Latrice Reed having too much fun...but AN: looking for someone to go to prom with..hit me up SN; kinda bored; gonna listen to some music"



Abigail Kirkpatrick

soo today seems amazing :D today is PEACH COBBLER day at the career center :) be jealous Michael Perkins. Then going out later with Marissa Novak, Megan McGilly and maybe Deanna Scott? Happy Ugly sweater day :D



Lacey Richards

Everyone who goes to MHS, don't forget tomorrow's '80s day..Don't be too cool for school

PHOTOS AT LEFT: At the Revue, Senior Marissa Novak introduces the next act. After they registered at the door for Winter Homecoming, Sophomores Andres Vega, Natalia Ooms, Destiny Yoder, Rachel Baran and Kasie Antich head toward the dance floor.



# Big participation in Fall Homecoming

Students celebrated Fall Homecoming from October 27 to November 2.

Events included Spirit Week for students to dress up, the Goofy Games for class competition, a parade and the game Friday evening.

The game provided plenty of highlights, even though Merrillville suffered a loss to Valparaiso. The week itself proved to be worth the experience. Melanee Stubbs was crowned Homecoming queen, while Denzel Pierce came away with the Mr. Football honors.

From Wacky Tacky Day to Nerd Day, participation was at an all-time high during the week.

"It seemed that every student was doing it. There were a lot of people participating from each class," Senior Michael Gillis said.

Much like any other year, the Senior Class came away with a win over all the other classes in the Goofy Games.

The Homecoming parade featured floats representing each class and many clubs.

"I thought it was well put together, and everyone enjoyed it," Sophomore Elizabeth Long said.

The big story came with the Homecoming dance. Many students waited until the last minute to buy their tickets for the dance. This proved to be a mistake. With a record number of students planning to attend, tickets sold fast and were not being sold anymore by Friday.

Students rebelled on the final day of the week. Many came to school wearing the color green for the opposing Valparaiso football team.

"I really don't know why I wore green. I thought it was a cool thing and just continued to spread the word to other students," Sophomore Daquan Williams said.



Working to finish the MPAC float for the Homecoming parade, Junior Dean Davis clips the banner to the wood. "My coach picked me to be in MPAC. I enjoy it because it's really cool to meet up with other people in other sports," Davis said. MPAC is a leadership program, and athletes are selected by their coaches for membership.



After going down the pudding slide, Senior Eleni Kazonis smiles from the excitement. "I've never done it in my life. It was good to bond with the graduating class," Kazonis said. The pudding slide is a mixture of chocolate pudding and water that everyone gets the opportunity to slide down.

After being crowned the 2010 Homecoming queen, Senior Melanee Stubbs accepts flowers from her brother. "Before, I was so nervous because I heard everyone did not get the chance to vote. After, I was so excited I could not stop smiling," Stubbs said. Stubbs used ribbons and posters to campaign.



Voted by his fellow teammates as 2010 Mr. Football, Senior Denzel Pierce accepts the football from Head Coach Zac Wells. "Honestly, I really was not thinking anything when they announced my name. My head was still in the game," Pierce said. Pierce is a starting running back.

"I just found stuff around my house. I am definitely doing it next year bigger and get."

Freshman Rayquane<sup>®</sup> Forte  
Wacky Tacky Day



"Dawn Harris is my BFF, and people say we look alike. We had fun being alike and taking pictures."

Senior Rebekkah Kimani  
Twin Day



"Goggled nerd hair and did it. Everyone was just like, 'Wow.'"

Freshman Michael Spudic  
Jr.  
Nerd Day



"I did Celebrity Day because I wanted to show my school spirit and to have fun. I wanted to be somebody unique, so I chose Billy Mays. Nobody knew who I was until I pulled out the OxyClean."

Sophomore Zachary  
Goralczyk  
Celebrity Day



"I did Pirate Pride Day because I enjoy representing my school to the world."

Junior Britney Upshaw  
Pirate Pride Day



Dancing at the Fall Homecoming, Senior Shelby Newell pushes through the crowd of people. "The dance was awesome, and the food was really good. I was really upset that it sold out. A lot of the seniors didn't get to go," Newell said. Due to the fact that the Fall Homecoming sold out, the Merrilville Pirate Athletic Council sponsored Winter Homecoming in February.

With someone special to share the evening, Sophomore Joseph Brady dances with his date, Freshman Conor Shea. "Homecoming is a night you should share with someone special," Brady said. At the end of the night, Brady and Shea collected two red glow sticks.



Smiling at her date, Senior Abigail Kirkpatrick holds 2010 graduate Michael Perkins's hands. "The first Homecoming was way better. It had more upperclassmen, and everyone seemed to have more fun," Kirkpatrick said. "After Homecoming, Mike and I went out to Taco Depot," Kirkpatrick said.



Sophomore Rachel Baran "list pumps" with a group of friends. "I loved dancing with my friends. It was the best part about my night," Baran said. Baran attended the dance with her close friends Sophomores Kasie Antich and Emily Beyer.

## Students enjoy a winter in Paris

"Winter in Paris" was the theme of the Winter Homecoming. This was the first time ever MHS had a second Homecoming. Since the Fall Homecoming was sold out, the staff decided to let students have another opportunity to go to Homecoming and have a good time.

"It was creative, and the dance turned out good," Sophomore Joseph Traina said. The Fall Homecoming had around 700 students in attendance, and the Winter Homecoming had 262 students in attendance.

"I think the first Homecoming was better, because there were a lot more people," Sophomore Joseph Brady said.

At the Winter Homecoming, drinks, sandwiches and chips were offered in the refreshment room. "The refreshment room was a good place if you just wanted to sit down and hang out with your friends and socialize," Sophomore Amber Smith said.

The idea for the second Homecoming of the year was a success. It wasn't too crowded in the Hall of Flags, and everyone had a good time dancing. "Even though ten minutes right before Homecoming started I got the bad news, my boyfriend got in trouble, but my night ended great. Dancing and laughing at Homecoming made me forget about the bad news," Junior Kaitlyn Cygan said.



Ready to hit the dance floor is Sophomore Brianne Baylor. "The best part of the dance was the end, when they actually played good music," Baylor said. "I would rather go to Homecoming with a date because I wouldn't have to share him with anyone," Baylor added.



Students congregate on the dance floor with Freshman Kristen Wiley. "I liked the first Homecoming a lot better because more people attended," Wiley said.





In a group of people, Freshman Kasey Stewart talks with her friends. "The dance was good. It had a pretty setup and everything," Stewart said. This was Stewart's first Homecoming. "I wish they would have advertised it more so more people would have gone," Stewart said.

On the dance floor, Freshman Makayla Webster talks among her friends. "After Homecoming, a group of us went to Applebee's. I was mad they were out of classical chicken wings," Webster said.

Resting after dancing, Sophomore Dakota Pitts sits with her friends. "My date for Homecoming was Harris Rosenbalm from Lowell High School," Pitts said. "The best part of the night was dancing with all my friends," Pitts added.



# FCCLA events



Shocked that she was voted Freshman Queen, Janell King poses for a picture. "I didn't think I was going to get voted queen, but when they said my name, I kept saying, 'Oh my god, oh my god, are you serious?'" King attended the dance with her friends.



While on the dance floor, Sophomore Trevor Leonhardt dances with his friends, Senior Jessica Martin and her sister, Rebecca Martin. "The best part about the night was the dancing. They had a really good DJ," Leonhardt said. Leonhardt said the best song they played was "You and Me" by Lifehouse.



Dropping the ballot into the box, Freshman Telra Davis votes for her friend, Audrianna Downs, for Freshman Queen. "I wanted Audrianna to win because I felt she deserved it," Davis said.

Being pronounced as Sophomore Queen, Amanda Currier gets the crown placed on her head. "I went to the dance with my boyfriend, Sophomore Zachary Fles," Currier said. Currier also attended the dance her freshman year.



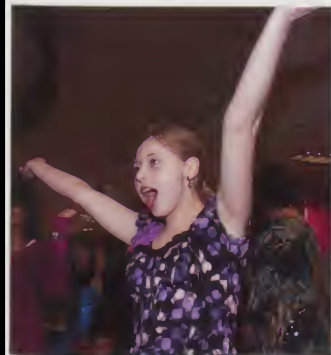
# bring out the dancing feet



Playing the air guitar, Senior Benjamin Banks enjoys the dance. "More than 100 kids from five different schools attended the dance," FCCLA sponsor Carol Von Behren said. FCCLA sponsors the dance each winter.



As she does each year, graduate Amanda Rysiewicz returns to enjoy dancing the night away. "There is not an age limit for the Inclusion Dance. People of all ages attend," Barb Dlouhy said.



While the song "YMCA" is played, Sophomore Jenna Rose forms a "Y" with her arms. "At the beginning of the year, students start asking about the dance because they are so excited and anxious for it," Barb Dlouhy said. Dlouhy works with special education students at MHS.

Listening to the music, Freshmen Jimmy Aiken and Michael Purvis enjoy their time socializing. The Inclusion Dance is sponsored by FCCLA. "The dance is a social outlet to get together and have a great night dancing," Barb Dlouhy said.



# ROTC celebrates with ball

Every spring, the AFJROTC students get a chance to let go and break away from all their stress and military duties and have a good time at the Military Ball.

The Military Ball is a formal event that includes an opening ceremony, formal dinner and dancing.

Although the AFJROTC students are encouraged to enjoy themselves, they must also maintain proper etiquette.

Unlike other school dances, the students are graded on their attendance, the behavior and etiquette of their dates and their attire.

"Attendance was like the biggest portion of our grade," Sophomore Amber Clay said.

The night began with a ceremony and a speech by guest speaker, teacher James Simon. Senior AFJROTC students were recognized and rewarded for their achievements and accomplishments. After the ceremony, the students had a formal dinner and later, dancing.

Many of the students found some parts of Military Ball to be more entertaining than others.

"It was fun. The formal part was decent, but the informal part was very entertaining," Sophomore O'shea Owens said.

"All in all, I had a great time at the Military Ball," Owens said.

"The formal part was okay, but the dancing was really fun," Freshman Jasmine Lilja said.



As Junior Talia Constant explores the inside of the model of a spaceship in Dayton, Ohio, she said she tried to imagine what it would be like to experience traveling in space. "It was really cool," Constant said. Constant said she plans on taking another trip with ROTC members.



As part of the ROTC's Adopt A Highway community service project, Junior Marquis Hudson and Sophomore Zachary Fles join Maj. Guy Ramey picking up debris on Broadway. "It felt good to contribute in helping our environment. I'm making an impact around the world," Fles said. ROTC members decided to have an encore of an earlier clean-up event when they cleaned from 61st and Broadway to 72nd.







During the opening ceremonies of the Military Ball, people at the head table raise their glasses to make a toast to the flag, the president of the United States and the Air Force. Kenyah Haney, Junior Marquis Hudson, Junior Juan Arellano, James Simon, Jenn Simon and Maj. Guy Ramey stand as they make the three toasts.

After a formal Military Ball dinner, cadets and their dates take to the dance floor. Junior Jordan Burton dances with Sophomore Nicholas Delgado. "I really enjoyed myself more than I thought I would. It was a great experience," Delgado said. Around 180 people attended the ball at the Serbian American Hall this year. This is the seventh consecutive year the ball has been held, and ROTC members look to continue the tradition.



#### Command Staff

Front row: Chauncey Walker, Victoria Verduzco, Donisha Webster, Talia Constant; Back row: Victor Arellano, Garrett Gault.



#### Advanced Armed Drill Team

Front row: Jocelyn Recio, Donisha Webster, Talia Constant, James Schilling; Back row: Anthony Pitts, Gregory Brousseau, Michael Jones, Michael Mitchell, Garrett Gault.



#### Advanced Unarmed Drill Team

Front row: Jocelyn Recio, Donisha Webster, Cheyenne Briner, Amber Spear; Back row: Anthony Pitts, Gregory Brousseau, Michael Jones, Que'Anna Barnslater, James Schilling.



#### Raider Challenge

Trevor Timmons, Jessica Jackson, Michael Norwood, Zachary Tomb, Xavier Pitts, Branton Wingate.



#### First-Year Drill Team

Front row: Kimber Brown, Lynette Ruiz, Tiera Bean, Troy Smith; Back row: Michael Mitchell, Perijana Williams, Domonique Lambert, David Jordan, Kemeyon Ward.



#### Color Guard

Front row: Shannon Thurson, Jocelyn Recio, Cheyenne Briner, Talia Constant, Donisha Webster; Back row: Michael Mitchell, Kemeyon Ward, Marcus Bass, Garrett Gault.



# Showcasing student talent

Seniors Samantha Balash, Marissa Novak and  
Richard Smith



As she plays the keyboard, Junior Kayla Greene sings "Jar of Hearts" by Christina Perri. "The highlight of my performance was being on stage with my best friend Lea (Neligan) and just having a good time," said Greene.



Senior Lea Neligan



Switching leads with his fellow singers, Senior Russell Cole II takes the microphone while performing with Senior Jurrae Jones, Sophomore Adonis Smith, Senior Matthew Fayson and Senior Payton Parker. "Singing is just something we all love to do," Fayson said.

Every year, the Drama Club and the Thespian Society host the Revue, a talent show showcasing singers, dancers, musicians and a magician.

"The Revue gives the students a chance to do something they don't normally do and show off their talents," said Drama Director Steve Elser.

Many students practiced for weeks, even months, before it was time for the show.

"I practiced with my friend, but even when we couldn't practice together, we practiced alone," Junior Kayla Greene said.

The show was presented over two nights, Feb. 16 and 17. Sixty students participated on and off the stage, with 14 acts presenting.

"We would like to see a juggler," Elser said, "but we haven't found one yet."



Senior Alyson Austin



Junior Trey Smith



Juniors Kandice Nicholson and Erik White

For the 2011 Lip Sync Contest, PNN decided to go with an '80s theme. This helped the audience and performers remember where a lot of the current music came from and how much it has changed.

The crowd grew wild as they saw and heard their peers on the stage performing. The final three groups were Tha Krew, Take 5 and Fly Society.

In the end, Take 5 was solid in all categories," Andrew Niksich said.

"What we really looked for in each group was appearance, crowd response, originality, choreography and, of course, lip syncing, and Take 5 was solid in all categories," Andrew Niksich said.

"With this being my fourth year as a judge, this Lip Sync was one of the best," Niksich said.

"Even though we didn't win, it felt good to be nominated and we still had fun, and our group, Tha Krew, did great," Senior Alexandria Norton said.

Seniors Kalliopti Haramantas,  
David Jordan, Kevin Henry III  
and Eleni Kazonis



Junior  
Alyssa Collier

Seniors Marshaun Riley  
and Jasmine Robinson



Senior  
Jasmine Suggs

"Performing 'Walk This Way' by Run-DMC and Aerosmith, members of the PNN cast Senior Robert Robinson and Juniors Van Stacks and Adam Serwacki got the show started. 'We only practiced for two days,' Robinson said. 'We weren't really nervous. It was fun being on stage, and when the crowd was screaming and cheering us on, it got even more fun,' Serwacki said."



Seniors Tiara Hannah  
and Loren O'Neal, Junior  
Morgan Walton and Seniors  
Lakarra Hendricks and  
Robin Williamson



Combining choreography with the Omarion song, Take 5 wins first place and the grand prize of \$500. "It was fun being on stage, and the crowd made it even better," Senior Anton Redmon Jr. said. Practicing every day over Winter Break, Redmon and Seniors Payton Parker, Jory Cunningham, Matthew Fayson and Tyrone Brown worked out the dance steps, songs and outfits to ensure an original performance. "All of us are different and like different things, and that started a lot of fights, but we had a lot of laughs. Even though we acted like a bunch of girls, we have a closer bond now than we did before," Redmon said.



Seniors Manah  
Turner and Terry  
Taylor



Junior Earl Grady and  
Senior Ariel Curne



Seniors Shalondrea Henry and  
Senior Mariah Trigg

# Let lips do the singing

PHOTOS ON LEFT: Junior Prom Queen candidates: Morgan Lamb, Megan Dicken and Morgan Gunn  
PHOTOS ON RIGHT: Junior Prom King candidates: Rudolph Sanchez IV and Nikko Sadural



At the Grand March, Juniors Abraham Garcia and Belia Mercado were crowned the King and Queen of the 2011 Prom. Mercado and Garcia went to Prom to dance with their friends and have a good time. "It's a moment to be cherished. You get to dance and have fun while looking good," Garcia said. "Prom is meant for everyone to enjoy. It's like a ritual," Mercado said.



At the Grand March, Senior Abigail Kirkpatrick is escorted by 2010 graduate Michael Perkins. Promgoers stood as the crowds of family members watched them march before Prom. "I was looking forward to the Grand March and Prom. It was one of the last times the seniors got to be together," Kirkpatrick said.



Senior Markell McMurray escorted Senior Jennlyne Adams at the Grand March. "Everybody there was strutting out their stuff," McMurray said. "Prom is an experience I couldn't forget."



Once Junior Victoria Henderson was out of the limo with her friends, her mind focused on how interesting Prom would be. "The best part was the preparation leading to Prom. It was overwhelming, but exciting," Henderson said.



The Class of 2011 hoped to make their final stand at Prom and make the dance worth the money.

This year's theme was "Night by the Nile." Students rented limos, went out to eat and simply enjoyed the dance. It was highly anticipated and a lot of people showed up.

"I had fun and I'm going make sure I do it my junior and senior year too," Sophomore TiaQue'na Smith said.

Behind the fun, many seniors found themselves spending over their budget.



Seniors Marshawn Riley, Jory Cunningham, Robert Robinson and Dean Hughes dance on stage. "Prom was one of the last dances I would go to as a senior before I graduated, so I wanted to just let loose," Hughes said. Hughes said he mimicked a dance he saw in a movie.

Laughing with his friend Junior John Mosley, Senior Malik Muhammad enjoys his time at Prom. "Prom is one of the biggest experiences to remember. It brings the most memories of high school," Muhammad said.



"Although I spent a lot of money on my debts, ticket, activities and tux, me and my guys had a once in a lifetime experience. It was definitely worth it," Senior Malik Muhammad said.

Muhammad chose not to participate in his Prom last year, but he said he made the best of it this year.

With participation at an all time high this year, Prom capped off a wonderful year for both classes, with a little over 500 students participating.



With hands raised above his head, Senior Darlen Gornick dances along with the other students. "I had a pretty good time. I got to have fun with the other seniors," Gornick said.

# Night by the Nile

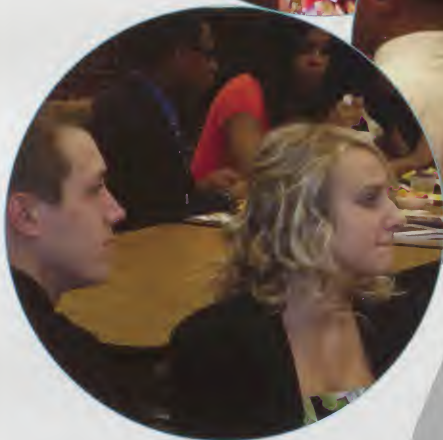
# Bacon, eggs, awards and drive-around

After a breakfast of pancakes and eggs, Stacey Shotwell spends some time reading the wills in the Senior Magazine.

Before seniors left the cafeteria for the auditorium to watch the senior video, Taishe Abrams reads wills in the Senior Magazine.



Amid a group of seniors before they were seated for the annual Senior Breakfast are Amber Spear and Jeremiah Jones.



During the breakfast, Katelynn Usher and Robert Spear III watch as Senior Choice Award winners are announced.

# signal last days of school for seniors

To capture the moment, Eleny Bablonia snaps images of friends Erin Bielak, Lea Neligan and Alexis Earl.



As the traffic behind him backs up, Alexander Matthews drives a small tractor during the annual Drive-Around.



Chowing down on a specially-prepared buffet breakfast for seniors on May 20 are Jose Rodriguez, Jacob Caddick and Kyle Schroeder.



The Caruana family boat provided transportation in the Drive-Around for Jacob Caddick, Kevin Caruana, Francis Dusik, Gloria Graham, Kelsey Sajdera, Jason Strimbu, Clyde Byrd III and Jill Ross.

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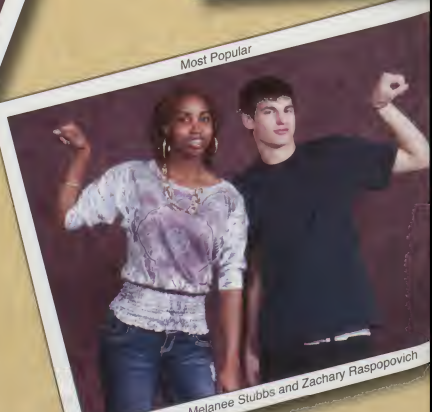
Ashley Jamerson and James Wright

Most Actively Involved



James Wright and Hannah Webster

Most Popular



Melanee Stubbs and Zachary Raspopovich



# Senior Choice Awards

Most Athletic



Jacob Caddick and Melanee Stubbs

Most Intelligent



Ashley Jamerson and Francis Dusik

Best Hair



Charisian Ellis and Jasmine Suggs

Most Likely to Stay Friends



Brandon Clark and Jeremiah Jones

Best Body



Taishe Abrams and Jacob Caddick

Most Spirited



Payton Parker and Hannah Webster

Best Dressed



Raevyn Harper and Arlen Sims

Best Personality



Melanee Stubbs and Tokunbo Fashawe

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Mariah Portis, Cameron Ellis and Bianca Portis

Cutest Couple



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## Senior Choice Awards

Most Likely to Stay Friends



Tianna Williams and Robin Williamson

Best Actress and Best Actor



Mariah Trigg and Richard Smith

Most Musical



Elizabeth Whelan and Matthew Fayson

Best Dancer



Lindsay Sanchez and Jory Cunningham

Class Clown



Terry Taylor and Loren O'Neal

# Graduation opens door to future

"We ask that life be kind and watch us from above. We hope each soul will find another soul to love. Let this be our prayer. Just like every child needs to find a place. Guide us with your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe." "The Prayer" by David Foster, sung by Seniors Roben Ward and Matthew Fayson at Bacculaureate May 29, 2011



As Superintendent Dr. Tony Lux shakes his right hand, Senior Antonio Bates takes his diploma with his left hand.



"I'm taking on the attitude of Paul in Phillipians 3:13 when he writes 'Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.'

Although we've made some significant accomplishments thus far in our lives, and will have another to add to the list after graduation, we can't hold onto the past. We have bigger and better things to do and look forward to."

Senior Payton Parker at Bacculaureate May 29, 2011



"I know all of you tell each other you are going to keep in contact, but seriously, make sure you do. I know that some of you say you cannot send the first text, but get over yourself and reach out to those who have made a difference."

Class President James Wright



"As the next graduating class of MHS, we all possess the capacity to do greatness in one form or another. So why not use it?"

Francis Dusik  
Salutatorian



"Remember the Friday nights when the basketball and football teams were supported by...all of us from different parts of life brought together for one event."

Samantha Bailey  
Valedictorian



"For those of us who have a way of cajoling our teachers to push back due dates, we'll find out that some due dates are actually literal."

Ashley Jamerson  
Valedictorian



Class president James Wright danced the Cat Daddy and Dougie. Salutatorian Francis Dusik broke out Hallmark graduation cards for "words of wisdom." Valedictorian Kelsey Sajdera brought her baby blanket to show the importance of having things in life that can "make you smile."

On June 2, 555 seniors crossed the stage at the Star Plaza Theatre to accept their diploma covers. Speeches by Valedictorians Samantha Bailey, Ashley Jamerson and Kelsey Sajdera, along with Salutatorian Francis Dusik, Class President James Wright, Class Treasurer Hannah Webster and the keynote speaker, social studies teacher Michael Knocke marked the night. The orchestra opened the ceremony as the graduates of 2011 proceeded into the theatre.

The speeches covered all areas of the spectrum. Some used humor, others used words of wisdom and insight, but many involved poking fun at fellow classmates and sharing some favorite memories.

"I felt so special to be mentioned," Senior Jacob Caddick said. "I felt that I was a big part of the school and I made an impact."

Mr. Knocke received the most votes to become the keynote speaker, and he shared his experiences, which included a

tough first year of college and the struggles he faced as a first-year teacher.

Throughout his speech, he jokingly recalled some "life lessons" taught by his fellow teachers, including Social Studies teacher James Stamper's lessons of "the dangers and horrible effects coffee can cause."

Joking aside, Mr. Knocke stressed three life lessons.

"Make sure you have a role model in your life, have empathy for others and always learn from your mistakes," Knocke said.

Despite the celebration, the graduates had to return to school to make-up three days missed from February's snowstorm.

"I wasn't that excited about graduation," Senior Raevyn Harper said. "There are still three more days."

The graduates came from all different levels of achievement. Some worked harder than others and some coasted through, but the ceremony gave the graduates a chance to come together for the last time to celebrate their high school years.

"It wasn't that emotional, and I didn't get the effect I was expecting," Senior Ashayna Price said. "It was fun, but it felt like another get together since we had three more days."

"It wasn't boring like I expected," Senior Jason Strimbu said. "It went smoothly."

Before the graduates were announced, Principal Michael Krutz recognized the four longtime teachers retiring after this year: Mary Ann Bertram, Evelyn Steiner, Miles Dunscombe and Jeff Yelton.

Though the ceremony ended with rain instead of the tossing of caps, graduates cheered and relatives cried tears of both joy and sadness. Then the purple and white balloons, dropped from the rafters of the Star Plaza Theatre.

Mr. Krutz left the graduates with an excerpt from a poem: "The future lies before you like a field of driven snow. Be careful how you tread it, for every step will show."

Backstage, Senior Samantha Tomb waits for her name to be called.



"High school is a lot like toilet paper. You don't miss it until it's not there."  
Kelsey Sajdera  
Valedictorian

"Through a lot of hard work, determination and courage, we have pushed through the difficulties and have come to finish this beautiful masterpiece."  
Hannah Webster, class treasurer, presenting the finished Memory Garden as a class gift



# Links

**Michelle Sulich** Another great day to be a Pirate. Spent the day preparing students for upcoming A.P. testing and I am hoping they do well. Approaching the end of another successful school year. I can't believe summer is almost here.

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Allison Varela

Can't wait for college life at IUPUI. I'm excited to study in the Health Science program. My dream is to be a child development specialist.



Raven Smith

Following my dream to get a bachelor's degree in human services. I want to be the person who places the elderly man in a clean nursing home or a child into proper foster care. Would love to counsel pplz in need of family therapy. It may be hard, but this is no wish, its a guarantee.



Natalie Warren

Planning on going to dog grooming school in Frankfort, Illinois. checked out the school this spring and going to start June 13. After that, I already have a job lined up at "Bark and Call."



Jeremiah Jones

Prep school 4 a year to reclassify to my original graduating class (2012). Plan to attend a college uni and play bball at the highest level and hopefully within 4 yrz turn myself n2 a pro.

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Love, Mom



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against you, remember  
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back. Never give in.  
Never give up.  
Continue to aim high.  
I am proud of you.  
Love,  
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# Raven Marie Smith



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*Tagged: After waiting in a long line outside the cafeteria, Senior Myeasha Brown pays for her cap and gown.*



Closing the doors and starting the summer June 2 had all of the students excited. Mother Nature had another idea. Record-breaking snow and three snow days forced seniors to come back after graduation, ending the school year June 7. Earlier in the year, students rebelled against the dress policy for Homecoming Spirit Week

and wore green when the football team competed against rival Valparaiso for the Homecoming game. After the fall Homecoming dance sold out, members of the Merrillville Pirate Athletic Council sponsored a second Homecoming in the spring. Coach Jim East turned off the lights in Engelhart Gymnasium for the last time, and for the first time, spectators had to have a ticket to attend the Grand March. After a long career of teaching, four remarkable teachers retired. Throughout the events of the year, the media, especially social media, helped the students stay connected. The year proved unpredictable and, as always, hectic. Now it's time to say good-bye and log out.

# Log out



The Editors  
Kelsey Washburn  
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"What's on your mind?" was the question throughout the year, whether it was for what to write in a story or what should go on the page. We spent numerous hours analyzing, designing and creating ideas to enhance them into the social world.

The theme of the book was not the first thing that entered our minds. We thought about the theme for countless hours, actually for a week, until the idea of Facebook filled our brains.

Mrs. Procter was determined for us to find a theme that would promote sales and be easy to design. Well, the design aspect was more difficult than we thought, as we had to create layouts to match the copy on Facebook.

During the summer before our senior year, Mrs. Procter sent us to Ball State University for a journalism workshop. This workshop was a week long, and it tested our knowledge of yearbook and helped prepare us for the school year.

At Ball State, we learned about headlines, layouts and themes, and we had to make a pretend yearbook, which helped us make the actual book. During our stay at Ball State, our assignment was to think of a theme for the book. Things got hectic with all the long nights and lack of sleep hindering our thought processes. After finally reaching a conclusion on a theme, we immediately called Mrs. Procter, eager to tell her the good news.

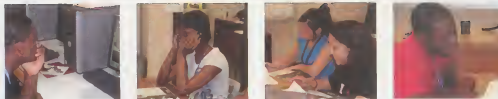
A special thanks to Mrs. Procter for believing in us to make this yearbook possible and for giving us the opportunity to go to Ball State and learn everything about the yearbook. You have taught us to never give up even when things go wrong. You supported us on a Facebook themed yearbook, and as much as you were confused, you still guided us through it.

The staff for the yearbook was incredible. They gave suggestions and always went with the flow. Every class, we would all log onto Facebook to find the latest happenings and new applications that were produced. Without your help, the yearbook would never have gotten finished and we would have driven ourselves insane to keep everything going.

Our advice to the editors next year is to never procrastinate on deadline. Procrastinating on deadlines will only make more work that will need to be done in a shorter time frame. This will come back to haunt you. The other advice we have is to never panic. Things will work out and everything will fall into place and happen for a reason. Remember if things get too crazy, Mrs. Procter will know the solution and can help you get back on track.

"A goal is a dream with a deadline." Napoleon

Hill



## Merrillvue

As members of Quill and Scroll, the Indiana High School Press Association and the National Scholastic Press Association, the Merrillville High School yearbook staff presents this 86th volume of Merrillvue.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Teresa Procter and led by co-editors Hannah Webster and Kelsey Washburn, the third hour yearbook class developed this book with a Facebook theme.

It was our intention to create something that was not just a yearbook, but also a documentation that represents each and every perspective of high school students and the cornucopia that make us one.

First and foremost, the staff would like to thank Mrs. Procter for her intuition, patience and guidance in producing this yearbook. Without her assistance, this yearbook would not have been possible.

Mrs. Valerie T. Tanke, a sales representative for Walsworth Publishing Company, also assisted in the creation of this book. The staff would like to thank Mrs. Tanke for her help throughout the production of this book.

Thank you to HR Imaging Partners Inc., who took the underclass and faculty portraits. The yearbook staff also thanks to Mr. John Bir of John Giolas Photographers and his staff for taking all of the senior portraits along with the pictures of all the sports, clubs, concerts, dances, graduation and Senior Choice Awards. We are grateful for his willingness to attend school events in order to photograph and capture moments that will now be remembered through this yearbook.

To create this book, the staff used Adobe InDesign CS2, Microsoft Word and Adobe Photoshop. Two fonts, Helvetica and Kent, were used throughout the book. For page numbers, we took the design from Facebook, and we used a globe and the page number in a red box.

Books were sold at school and online at yearbookforever.com. After an introductory price of \$60 until October 20, books sold for \$65.

The 2011 yearbook staff would also like to gratefully acknowledge the assistance and contribution from the Athletic Department directors, staff and coaches, the secretaries of the Main Office, the Guidance Department and all teachers whose classes we constantly interrupted. Thanks to Mr. Brian Past and the PNN staff for their assistance in advertising this yearbook.

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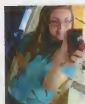
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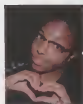
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